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Canada and Ontario Invest \$110 Million Dollars in Broadband for Eastern Ontario

"Our success will hinge on a lot of private investment." (Warden Dave Burton)

Late last week Infrastructure Canada and the provincial Governments announced that construction of a true broadband network is one step closer for Eastern Ontario. Through the federal government's new Broadband Canada program and the McGuire Government's new Broadband Infrastructure Fund, the two levels of government have committed up to \$110 million dollars towards the creation of a regional broadband network. This decision was made in response to a proposal by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Inc. (EOWC)

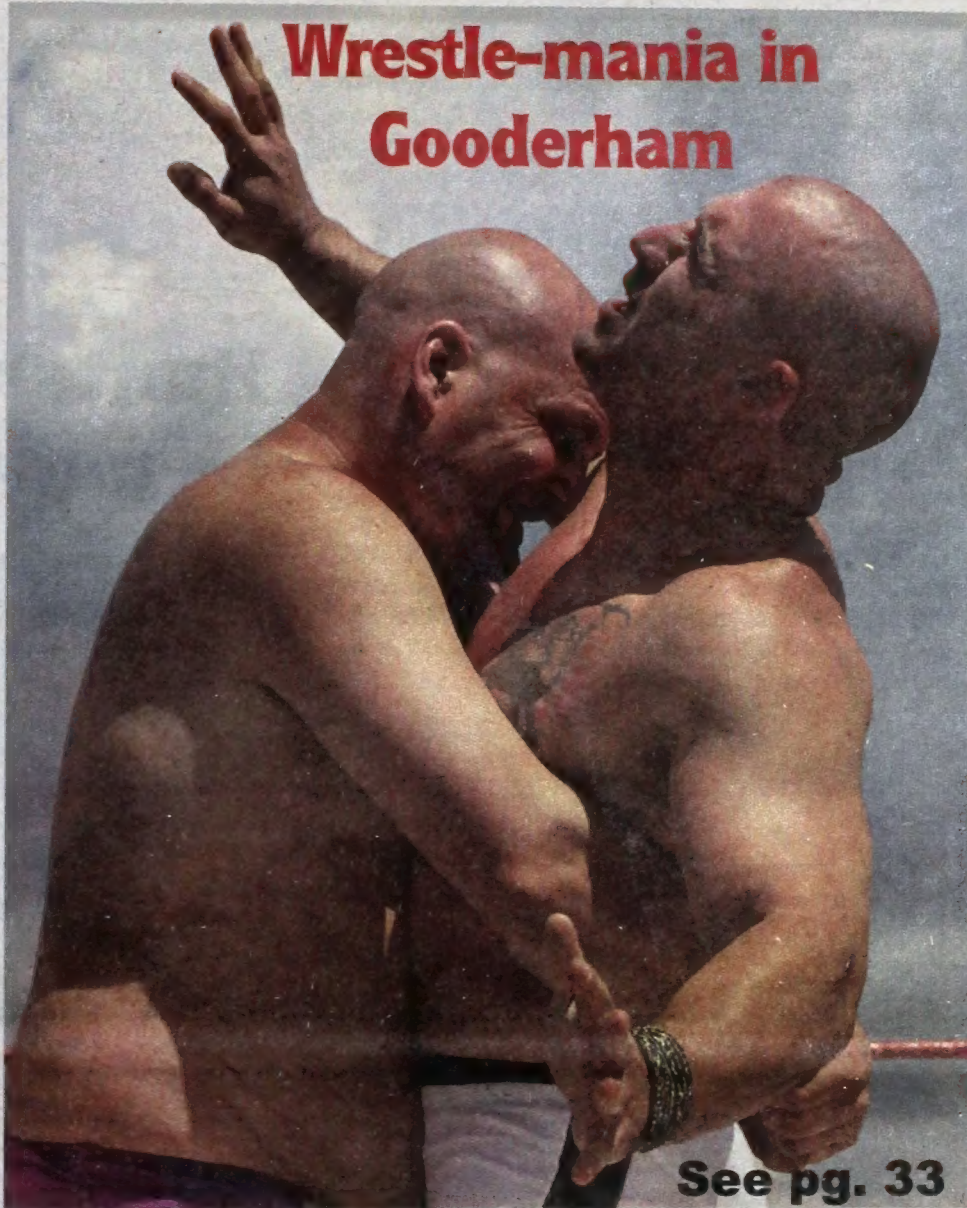
MP Barry Devolin said, "The construction of a broadband network in Eastern Ontario will help to expand and improve local businesses and their services, and significantly boost our regional economy."

Ron Emond, Chair of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus said, "Today's announcement marks a major step forward in helping to secure the future prosperity of Eastern Ontario. Having a high-speed, high-capacity broadband network is one of the most important assets that we can utilize to assist us in unlocking the ingenuity and creativity of our people and businesses. We are extremely grateful to both the federal and provincial governments for their tremendous financial support for this project."

Emond also said, "Spending public funds on broadband infrastructure is the one expenditure that benefits every sector of our economy from health, education, government to business and to individual taxpayers."

The project plan is that the federal and provincial governments will set aside up to one third of the total eligible costs of the project, to a maximum contribution of \$55 million dollars each. The EOWC and private sector partners will provide the remaining funding with the EOWC contributing up to \$10 million dollars. Total eligible costs for the project are presently estimated to be as high as

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Plein Air Festival in Highlands East "Huge Success"

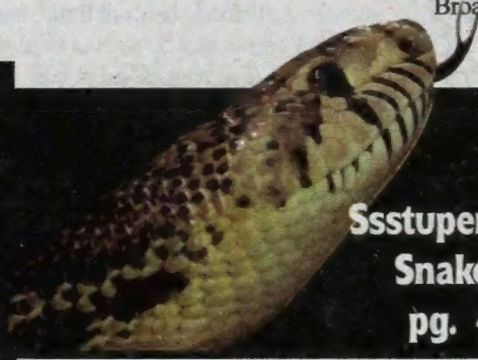
"This has been a great event – one of the best Plein Air Events I've ever attended." (Toronto artist J. David Sharpe)

This past weekend the Highlands East Cultural Association hosted what it described as "Ontario's Premier Plein-Air Painting Festival", also dubbed "Brush with the Highlands". Some forty artists from all over the province attended the three-day event, which ended with a highly successful Art Show and Sale, including a juried competition of the attending artists' works.

"En Plein Air" is a French phrase that translates simply as "in the open air". It refers to the nineteenth century movement among

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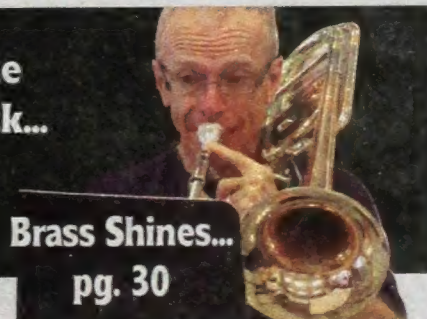
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\$170 million dollars.

When the project is completed, the network will fill in many of the gaps and provide broadband service to many residents and businesses waiting for improved services in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes as well the counties across Eastern Ontario (including Hastings, Peterborough, Renfrew, Northumberland, Frontenac, Lanark, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, the United Counties of Prescott & Russell and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville).

Warden Dave Burton said, "This will be a huge improvement for us. We know that many of the jobs of the future will come from the new knowledge economy and we want our region to be ready and able to create those jobs and enhance our prosperity."

However, Burton said also that there was no way that the 13 counties could come up with \$55 million dollars without private investment. He said, "Our success will hinge on a lot of private investment to match our third of the project costs."

According to Burton the project will be discussed in more detail at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario at their meeting in mid August. Burton said, "It's a bit early to say for sure, but the request for proposals is being developed and should be issued sometime in September."

Haliburton County CAO Jim Wilson agreed that it is great news for the County. He said, "The broadband infrastructure improvements planned under this project will provide increased connectivity and data capacity to our area. Once completed, the infrastruc-

ture will have significant economic benefits to residents and businesses that use the Internet to conduct their business affairs within the County. It will also provide increased opportunities for tourism, e-learning and e-health applications and possibly encourage more people to either relocate or stay longer in the County during their visits."

Wilson said that it is hoped that construction will get underway early in 2010. However, it may take up to three years to complete the project.

Many rural areas in Eastern Ontario are still years behind more urban centres in obtaining access to high speed internet and the EOWC's analysis shows that more than 200,000 people and

businesses across the region have either poor or no access to the internet at all. It is anticipated that the Eastern Ontario Regional Network will deliver up to ten times more speed and capacity of current internet service in many areas.

The EOWC Inc. is a non profit organization comprised of membership from the mayors and wardens of counties and municipalities in the Eastern Ontario region. Their mandate is to present a unified voice on behalf of eastern Ontario municipalities that are engaging the federal and provincial governments in developing new programs and policies that support the goal of realizing the region's full potential for sustainable economies and communities. ■

Hunter Creek Estates Gets Hammered by "Weather Event"



Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

Call it what you will, residents of Hunter Creek Estates described Tuesday's weather event as a tornado, a downdraft, a hurricane and a severe wind gust. Until Environment Canada determines what in fact happened, the one thing everyone agreed on was that "it" was frightening and "it" came quickly from the NW at about 2:30 PM on Tuesday. Fallen trees and downed wires were strewn over lawns and streets everywhere.

Howard Smith who lives on 7th Lane in Hunter Creek Estates thought his roof was coming off. "It was calm, and then all hell broke loose. We knew we were going to get it, but not that bad", he said while pointing at the eight downed trees lying across the road. Howard Smith has lived for 72 years, and admitted openly that he's never been so afraid in his life. Others didn't fare as well as Smith whose house wasn't hit; many residents had homes and garages damaged by falling trees.

One melancholy couple watched as crews cut and cleared pieces of a favorite old willow, its branches lying on the bench beneath, a favourite place to stop and rest during a summer's evening walk. After the usual inquiries as to each other's safety and property damage, several onlookers commented favourably about the services they had received almost immediately after the storm.

Down on Sandy Bay Road, Robert McCarey was staring at a large tree trunk that had fallen on his house, half of it protruding above the roof-line at the rear of his home. He described the storm as having come across the lake at 2:28 PM, and thought it appeared more like a hurricane than a tornado. The horrendous winds and driving rainfall were what he most recalled. Damage on Sandy Bay Road was minimal compared to that in Hunter Creek Estates; the road was covered with debris in places where trees had fallen and been cut by Hydro One. Crews were busy repairing lines along the road shortly after the storm. At press time no fatalities or injuries have been reported.

Now they wait, for repairs, for insurance claims, for clean-up and for Environment Canada to tell them what played havoc with their lives on a summer Tuesday afternoon. ■

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SATURDAY



Chance of morning showers and storms

▲ 20° ▼ 12°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy, warmer and more humid

▲ 28° ▼ 17°

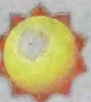
MONDAY



Chance of afternoon thunderstorms

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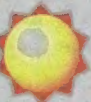
TUESDAY



Mostly sunny and a bit cooler

▲ 21° ▼ 12°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and mild

▲ 23° ▼ 12°

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik
Acapulco	31/26/ts	32/26/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	32/27/pc	32/27/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/26/ts	32/26/su	31/26/su	Nassau	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/27/pc	31/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	31/26/ts	31/25/ts	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/24/ts	31/24/ts	29/23/na
Cancun	33/23/pc	32/26/ts	32/26/na	St Thomas	32/26/ts	32/26/su	32/27/pc
Curacao	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	31/24/ts	St Maarten	31/26/ts	32/26/su	31/27/su
Freeport	32/25/ts	32/26/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	31/21/ts	31/22/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	32/26/ts	32/26/su	33/26/su
Havana	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	32/24/ts	32/24/ts	32/22/su
Key West	32/26/ts	31/26/ts	32/28/ts	Santo Domingo	32/26/ts	32/26/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/pc	33/27/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Bancroft	19/9/pc	21/12/pc	20/12/sh	28/17/pc	23/11/ts	21/12/su	23/11/su
Barrie	19/10/pc	21/12/pc	21/12/sh	29/18/pc	24/12/pc	22/12/su	23/12/su
Dorset	19/9/pc	21/12/pc	20/12/sh	28/17/pc	23/11/ts	21/12/su	23/11/su
Haliburton	19/9/pc	21/12/pc	20/12/sh	28/17/pc	23/11/ts	21/12/su	23/12/su
Huntsville	19/9/pc	21/12/pc	20/12/sh	28/17/pc	23/11/ts	21/12/su	23/11/su
Kingston	20/11/pc	22/12/pc	21/13/sh	29/18/pc	26/13/ts	23/13/su	23/12/su
Lindsay	19/10/pc	22/12/pc	21/13/sh	29/18/pc	24/12/ts	22/13/su	23/12/su
Minden	19/10/pc	21/12/pc	20/12/sh	28/17/pc	23/11/ts	21/12/su	23/12/su
Oshawa	20/11/pc	23/12/pc	21/13/sh	29/18/pc	26/13/ts	23/13/su	23/12/su
Ottawa	21/11/sh	21/10/cl	21/12/cl	28/16/ts	24/11/ts	22/12/su	23/11/su
Toronto	20/11/pc	23/12/pc	21/13/sh	29/18/pc	26/13/ts	23/13/su	24/13/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	19/10/sh	26/11/sh	18/13/sh	26/13/pc	26/13/pc	26/13/cl	26/12/pc
Edmonton	22/9/cl	22/8/su	20/8/su	20/8/pc	20/8/pc	20/9/sh	19/7/pc
Fredericton	19/11/sh	19/11/cl	19/12/pc	19/12/sh	24/15/ts	21/13/su	21/12/su
Halifax	22/15/pc	20/13/pc	18/14/pc	18/14/sh	24/16/sh	20/14/su	20/14/su
Montreal	19/9/sh	21/9/cl	20/12/cl	24/14/ts	23/12/ts	20/11/su	21/10/su
Regina	23/12/sh	25/13/sh	25/13/sh	25/13/su	25/13/su	29/14/pc	28/13/sh
St. John's	24/17/pc	21/12/sh	15/11/pc	15/11/sh	20/12/ts	18/10/su	17/11/su
Saskatoon	22/9/cl	24/9/pc	24/9/su	24/9/su	24/9/su	24/11/pc	25/10/sh
Vancouver	23/14/pc	24/13/cl	21/13/sh	23/13/sh	22/13/sh	22/13/sh	24/13/pc
Whitehorse	22/8/su	21/7/pc	21/7/pc	21/7/pc	21/7/pc	19/7/sh	20/7/pc
Winnipeg	22/9/su	21/8/ts	21/8/sh	21/8/sh	21/8/su	24/9/pc	29/14/pc

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Friday 7/31	25°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/30	24°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 7/29	24°C	17°C	0.8 mm
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
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Fri.	6:06 a.m./8:32 p.m.	9:04 p.m./7:43 a.m.
Sat.	6:08 a.m./8:31 p.m.	9:22 p.m./8:47 a.m.
Sun.	6:09 a.m./8:29 p.m.	9:41 p.m./9:52 a.m.
Mon.	6:10 a.m./8:28 p.m.	10:01 p.m./10:58 a.m.
Tues.	6:11 a.m./8:26 p.m.	10:25 p.m./12:07 p.m.
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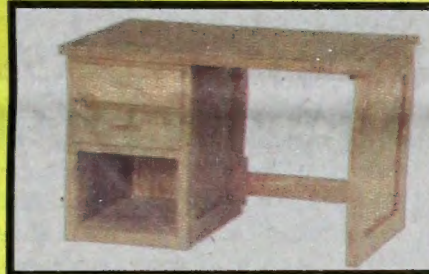
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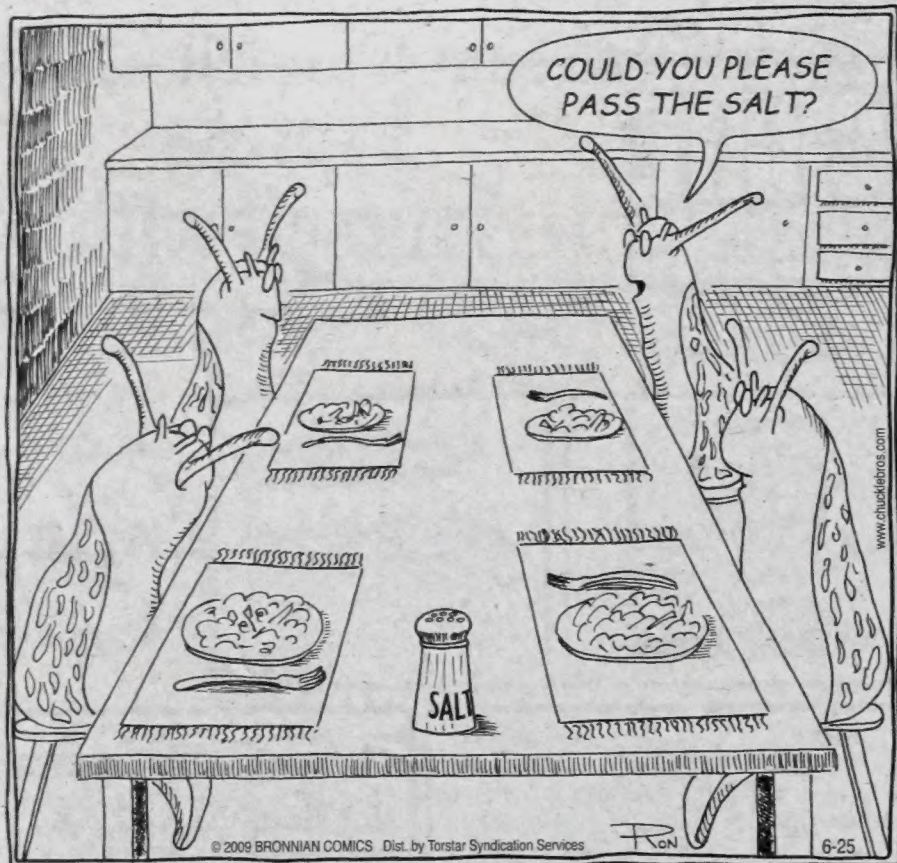


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Letter of the Week

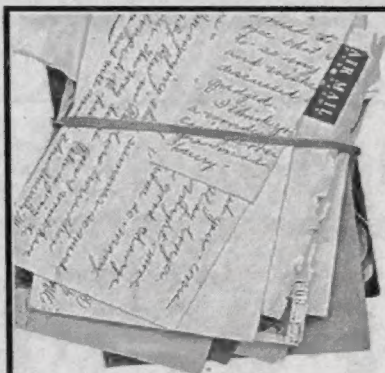
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Please contact me if you would like to enter a display and how much floor space you will require. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Lynda Litwin
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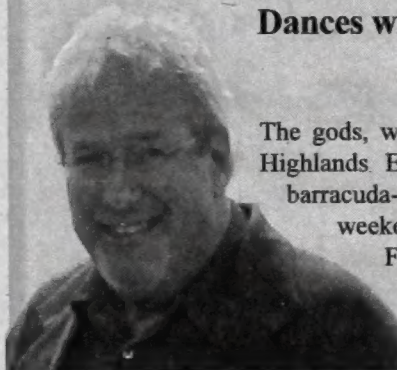
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Dances with the Light: Plein Air, Artists, and Always – Volunteers



The gods, wherever they may be, must have approved of the Highlands East Cultural Association's brave foray into the barracuda-infested waters of art festival organization this past weekend at the launch of the first annual Plein Air Festival.

For the first time this summer, the weekend rains held off, mostly, and the light and air were perfect for the 40 or so artists who made Wilberforce, Cardiff, Gooderham, Irondale, and Highland Grove their temporary home, and perhaps permanent inspiration.

Driving once again through those villages and towns I was struck by just how different Highlands East is from the rest of Haliburton: there is a distinctly pastoral feel to these old farm landscapes with their creeks, rivers, lakes, and gently rolling hills, somehow softer and more forgiving than the harsh contours of its neighbours to the west and north. Its buildings too, which contain so much history, much of it well over a century old, offer haunting reminders of the strength, bravery, and vision of its early settlers. Churches, farm houses, schools, and community hospitals, even the somehow sad, abandoned Irondale, Bancroft, and Ottawa rail line contribute to this sense of civilization, however tentative. And this weekend, due to the persistence and vision of a small community group, Highlands East was alive with artistic passion, discussion, and production. As noted on Page one of this issue, the Plein Air Festival was a great success: the artists/participants bursting with unsolicited praise and admiration for our landscape, community, and indefatigable organizers.

Oh yes, the organizers. The entire county should give a collective tip of the hat to the three women who founded the Highlands East Cultural Association just over a year ago. Patricia Currie, Tracey Lee Green, and Darlene Buckingham have done a remarkable job in harnessing the energies and talents of their community to produce first, the Tory Hill Farmers' Market last summer, and now the Day-Tripper Adventure Guide and the Plein Air Festival. To create events on this scale in such a short time is a tribute to these women artists' perseverance, political smarts, and sheer hard work. Bravo, Mesdames!

Rick Johnson – Alive and Well in Queen's Park

Liberal Rick Johnson's first six months as our MPP in Queen's Park is almost over. His government's had an interesting (if easy) ride, as has Johnson, although with the election of hard-nosed ideological toughie Tim Hudak as the Tory leader, that could change, and fast. Still, in a recent interview with the Voice, Johnson, the John Tory lion killer, recalled with a grin a visit he had from Bill Murdoch, the curmudgeonly MPP evicted from the caucus by former leader Tory: "I've just got two words to say to you, Rick: Thank You."

In fact, Johnson says that his two greatest surprises at Queen's Park have been, first, how open his party is to criticism and questions, particularly during its no-holds-barred caucus meetings, and secondly, how all members, once the show-time of Question Period is over, are genuinely civilized and respectful of one another, regardless of party affiliation. He also praised the open co-operation on constituency matters he's received from federal Tory MP Barry Devolin.

He's tried hard as well to make a difference in at least one major local issue, to wit the continuing controversy over the provincial Mining Act. Today at Queen's Park, Robin Simpson and Roger Young of the anti-uranium activist group FUME have been granted permission to address the Legislative Committee examining the Act: "Johnson has been a major influence in persuading the Committee to hear our submission in person," says Simpson. "He also was instrumental in distributing it to all members of the Legislature. His support has been very important to us."

Certainly Johnson has proved to be an attentive listener, and now appears to be learning how to move and shake the powers in his own party and the wider Legislature. All of which is good news for his constituents, of whatever party persuasion. ■

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Looking back over the years, we celebrate and applaud the successes and hardships of those folks that made up the fabric of Minden...from the original pioneers that carved out their space in history...the farmers, the loggers, the bushman, the teachers, doctors and politicians and each and every person that breathed life into this picturesque Village of Minden over all those years...to the folks today that strive to make our township a better place for the benefit of all.

Although in many respects Minden resembles what it was many years ago, there is a driving force that moves its progress at a reasonable pace...we don't need to keep up with the rest of the world...there is a place on earth for a more quiet and enjoyable existence. We celebrate the people living here that know how to enjoy and embrace the simplicities of life, the volunteers that work tirelessly to make successful Minden Hills what it is today and the visitors that enjoy our peaceful yet vibrant town. We would be amiss not to include our seasonal population from all areas of the world...that bring a diverse flavour to our community and encourage enhancement of all we have to offer.

Happy Birthday Minden! May you thrive and flourish in the strength of your community all your future days...we live in a most spectacular town in Canada!

Sincerely,

Reeve Jim McMahon
Township of Minden Hills

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Minden's Current Council - 2009



From left to right: Reeve Jim McMahon, Councilors Lisa Shell and Peter Oyler, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Councilors Bill Obee, Barbara Reid, and Rick Ratcliffe

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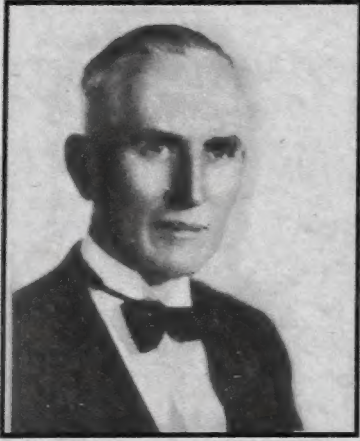
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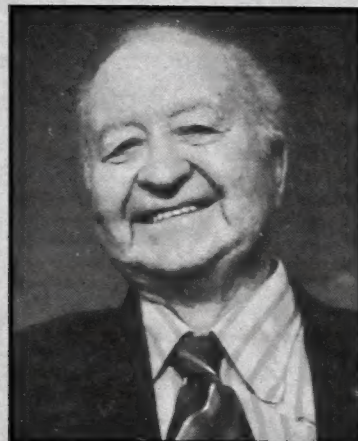
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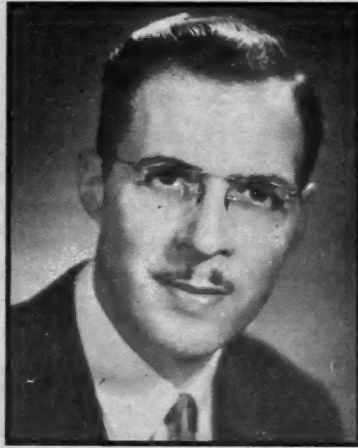
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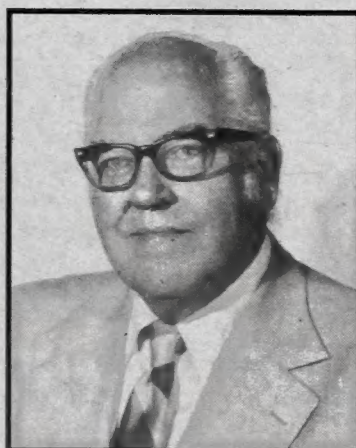
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Happy 150th Birthday Minden
from Management & Staff at Rockcliffe



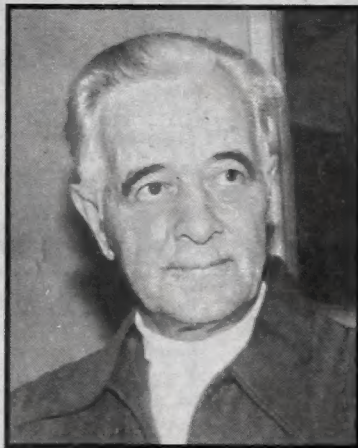
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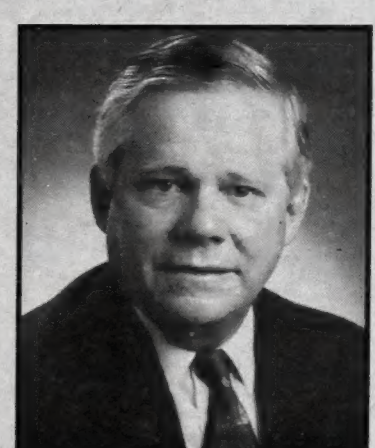
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The World Famous Rockcliffe

Stephen Patrick

Editor

This summer Dave Willis is celebrating his 32nd year as proprietor of Minden's Rockcliffe Hotel, the prototypical Ontario cottage country tavern. "I never thought for a minute I'd be here this long, that's for sure. But then again, I've never regretted the decision to leave that other life in Toronto either," he says. Willis was a highly successful hard-driving advertising account manager in the 1970s when he decided he'd had enough of that particular rat race.

"It was a really crazy life, the competition was fierce, the advertising business was like a war, and the hours endless. I think that's why I became so involved in playing competitive squash – it was a way to get away from the relentless business pressures, and, frankly, the endless BS."

Willis was a world-class player in the 1970s, and continued to play in international tournaments well into the 1980s. Squash, at the high level that Willis played, is a fierce, edgy, and brutally tough game that demands intense concentration and a willingness to take every physical and psychological advantage over your opponent. Suffice to say that losing, at squash, cards, or business, doesn't sit very well with Mr. Willis. "I really wanted to make the Rockcliffe a success, in every way, as a tavern, a place to have fun for cottagers and pub-goers of all kinds. When I bought it from Bill O'Brien in 1977, it had already begun to have a reputation as a place to have a really good time – and I made sure that continued."

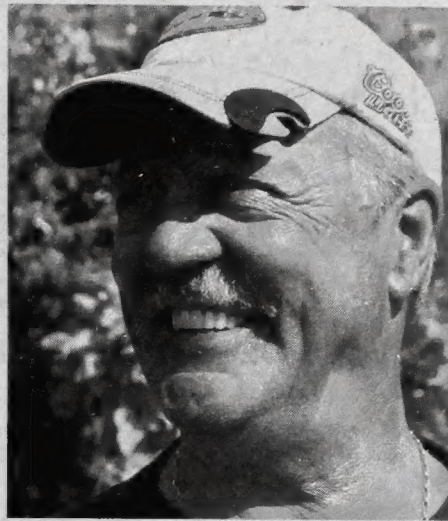
As of last year Willis has owned the Rockcliffe longer than any other proprietor in the almost 150 years of taverns and hotels that have existed on the same site on the Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. As history, and some legend, has it Daniel Buck established the first 'stone tavern' in 1859, although there is some confusion over whether or not it was in the exact same location. Certainly, members of the Buck family (of Buck's Slide Road fame) owned the tavern for some 15 years in the late 1880s. From 1908 until the 1939 it was called the Ransom Hotel, after the family who then owned it, and later the Valley View Inn. In the 1940s it became the Rockcliffe Hotel, and even though it hasn't been a hotel for many years, it's been called that ever since.

"I really owe the LCBO a kind of debt," says Willis with a grin. "When Bill O'Brien began to sell the Rockcliffe T-shirts that said 'I'm a Rockcliffe Beer Nut', the Liquor Licence Board decided they wouldn't allow it – and you have to remember that they really controlled the business – you did what they said. After I bought the business I appealed the decision,

"It's become a kind of marketing myth – the T-shirts are all over the world."

but they still said no. So I asked them, out of the blue, if they'd approve the sale of clothing with Rockcliffe University on it, and for some reason they said sure! I've never understood why Beer Nuts was disallowed, but University was fine, but I wasn't complaining.

"Bill had developed a strong connection with the camps, and the camp counsellors, which we certainly continued, and the Rockcliffe University branding just took off." Willis's years as a marketer and advertising exec stood him in good stead: he handled the branding and the merchandising aspect of the business brilliantly. The products were eye-catching, funny, well made, and became wildly popular. "We grossed over \$200,000 in clothing products



Rockcliffe owner, Dave Willis

during hunting season in the 1970s, which Willis continued. This did not make him popular in certain quarters. One prominent local church leader wrote to the Minden Times accusing him of encouraging the sexual assault of women and girls. Willis, who doted on his two teenage daughters, replied immediately, denying the connection, and pointing out the long history of child sexual abuse by those in positions of power in the church, which was just coming

to public attention. The debate, to the relief of both parties, ended swiftly.

Over the years Willis has seen huge changes in his business. In the early 1980s he spent a fortune on sound systems, banquettes, and closed up the hotel rooms upstairs. Recently he's overseen the expansion of the food menu to give a more 'roadhouse' feel to the operation. "The business has changed in large part because of the change in social attitudes towards drinking," says Willis. "We have a lot of competition we didn't have back then either. Casino Rama's a competitor, for example, and has all those proceeds from gambling. Our product margins are shrinking, smoking is banned, and we don't have a reliable taxi service, which are all factors. I had to shut the rooms upstairs – new regulations would have required \$360,000 in renovations to keep them open."

The Rockcliffe, and Willis himself, has also been the target of constant rumours over the years, which he now scoffs at, but which at one time were dangerous. "We've always run an honest business, and we've always been careful that no one was hurt. In this business you have no choice but to kick people out, or even bar them if necessary. I've been here so long that I'm throwing out the kids of the parents I threw out 30 years ago." But the wild accusations of biker gang involvement, dope deals, and other shady undertakings, seemed to persist in the Rockcliffe hey day. "The rumours were annoying, for sure, but I think a lot of it was just jealousy. This is a place for people to have fun, a local pub, a tavern, plain and simple."

So the Rockcliffe endures, as does its still-feisty owner. The merchandise is always sharply designed, and contemporary, and continues to sell. The entertainment still draws the weekend crowds, and it seems no matter what the old hotel will always be "the Rock" to generations of Haliburtonians of all kinds, cottagers, residents, kids, and their parents. If, and when, Willis finally decides to sell the venerable Rock, it will certainly mark the end of the longest, and certainly the most flamboyant, chapter in the Hotel's history. ■



Former owner, Bill O'Brien with Dave Willis in the roaring 1970s

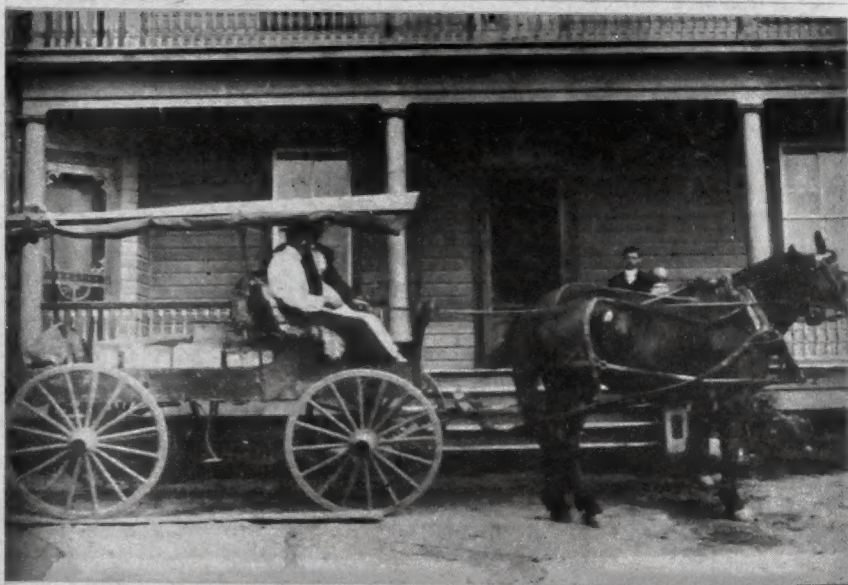
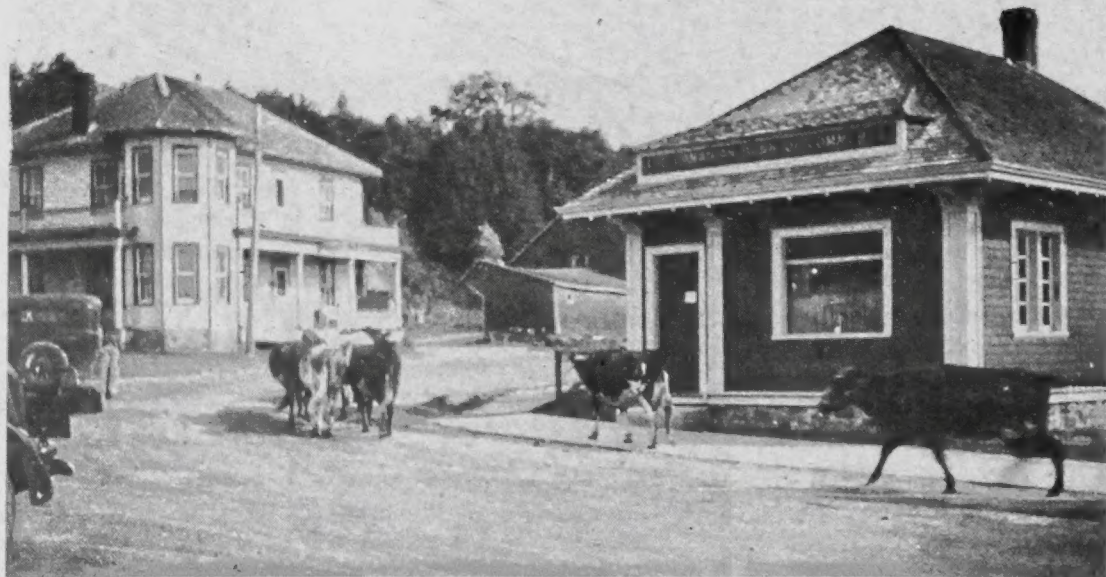
alone year after year. The T-shirts were seen around the world, from Morocco to China to everywhere.

"All kinds of celebrities wore them, Stompin' Tom, Donald Sutherland, Mike Meyers, Dan Akroyd, to name a few. And we continued to become the place to be during the summer for the camp kids and of course the cottagers. The line-ups were two blocks long on the weekends, just to get in for the beer. The entertainment was good, loud, and fast. We hired dozens of cottage kids over the summers as well – I was thinking the other day that at one point it seemed most Boshkung and Horseshoe Lake cottagers had worked with us at one time or another."

Willis also worked hard to maintain the business during the winter months. Bill O'Brien had started importing strippers



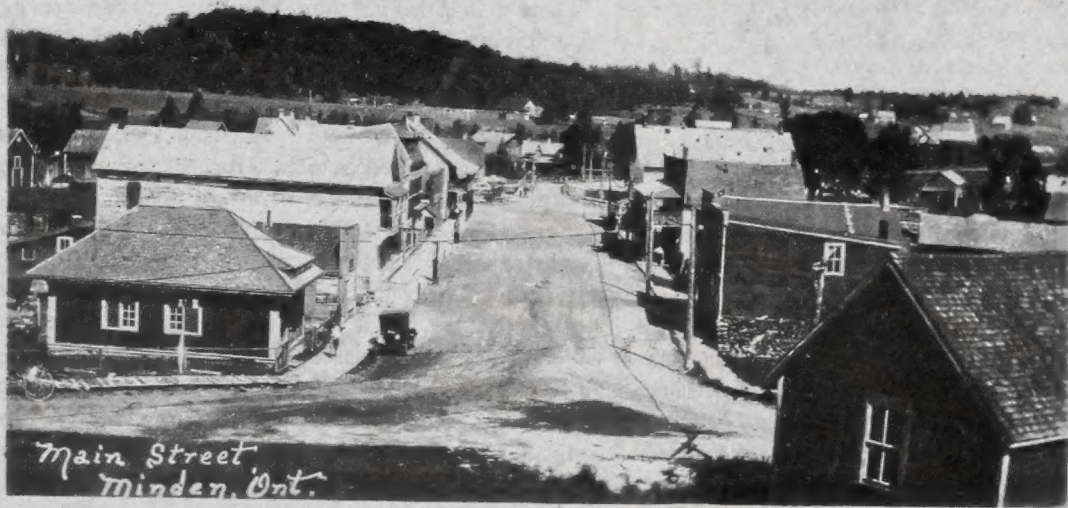
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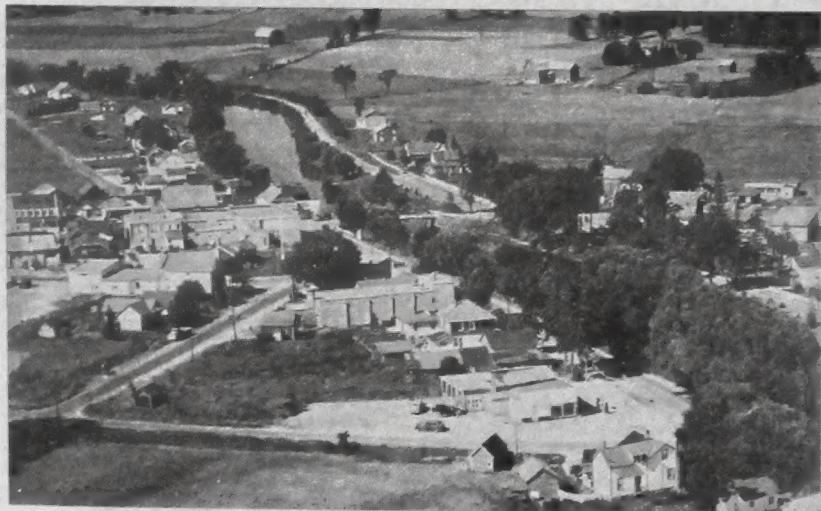
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Thursday, August 6

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AUGUST 7-15--MINDEN 150TH HOMECOMING WEEK

Friday, August 7

Music By The Gull-7 p.m. in front of the Minden Post Office-Serendipity
Youth Night - Battle of the Bands--Minden Hills Community Centre-7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. info call 286-1936
Minden's Sesquicentennial book launch, Minden Museum—1 p.m.
Historical Portrait Studio - Photo in old clothes \$10/photo, Minden Museum

Saturday, Aug 8

Homecoming coffee hour, Minden Hills Community Centre—8-10 a.m.
Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Official Homecoming Welcome—Minden Curling Club 10 a.m.
Amazing Race—starting at the Minden Curling Club-12 noon-5 p.m. 286-1936 to pre-register
Homecoming Dance, Minden Hills Community Centre—7 p.m.
Spoil ME Lottery draw Buy your \$50 ticket at Haliburton County Tourism Office, Hwy 35

Sunday, Aug 9

Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Haliburton County Horseman's Association Gymkhana-Minden Fair Grounds—9:30 a.m.
All Church Picnic-1:00 p.m.-Base Ball Diamond behind Minden Hills Community Centre

Tuesday, Aug 11

Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Show & Shine Car Show-Downtown Minden Approx. 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug 12

Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Trunk Sale--Downtown Minden—8 a.m.-1 p.m.-\$10 per vehicle-sign up at the Dominion Hotel
Float Your Hull Down the Gull, Gull River—Rotary Park-
Racers start at 1 p.m. floaters start at 1:30 p.m. Call 286-1936 to pre-register

Thursday, Aug 13

Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Minden Merchants Street Sale—9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Jail Cell, Minden Hills Museum fundraiser, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. downtown
Rockcliff Fashion Show 7p.m.
Spoil ME Lottery draw-Buy your \$50 ticket at Haliburton County Tourism Office, Hwy 35

Friday, August 14

Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Music By The Gull-7 p.m. in front of the Minden Post Office-Zoë Chilco

Aug 13, 14, 15, 16

The Conjurors of County Town present Buck's Tavern
December 31, 1864, Daniel Buck hosted a New Year's Eve party that lasted four days & five nights
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Minden Hills Museum-Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 15

Minden 150 Bike Tour, 30 km, 70 km, and 150 km Rides—info call 286-1936
Canoe FM Hoedown with Johnny Burke Minden Community Centre-Tickets call 457-9603
Spoil ME Lottery draw-Buy your \$50 ticket at Haliburton County Tourism Office, Hwy 35
Opera, Minden United Church-Newcastle St.

Friday, August 21

Music By The Gull-7 p.m. in front of the Minden Post Office-Johnny Burke

Friday-Sunday August 21, 22, 23

Haliburton County Fair, Minden Fairgrounds
Celebrity Pig Race-Sunday August 23—info call 705-854-0335

Saturday, Aug 22

Spoil ME Lottery draw-Buy your \$50 ticket at Haliburton County Tourism Office, Hwy 35
Grill on the Gull 3-course luncheon for 2

Friday, August 28

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Early Settlers

The township of Minden was surveyed by J. W. Fitzgerald, Esq., P.L.S., in 1859, and contains 46,000 acres.

The first settler in Minden was Mr. Francis Kent, who located himself there in 1858, before the township was surveyed. In 1859, the following settlers found their way into that township:—Messrs. Malachi Campbell, William Murray, James Murray, Harry Dawkins, James and Henry Burns.

The first saw mill in the township of Minden was built in 1860 by Mr. Wm. Gaimor, on Beaver Creek, on lot 9, con. A. Mr. Richard Smith also built a saw mill in 1863.

Mr. Daniel Buck, it will be seen, was the first hotel keeper in Minden. He was also the first Postmaster, and the office, first opened in 1860, having then only a weekly. Mr. Thomas Young opened the first general store in Minden in 1860, which was followed by that of Messrs. George and H. Andrews in the fall of 1862. To these have since been added the stores of Messrs. Wm. Dumble, Andrew Bell, Francis Mason and James Langton.

A saw mill, at a falls about a mile above the village, was built in 1861, and a frame grist mill at the same place followed in 1862. The first mill had one run of stones, was commenced and partially completed by M. J. W. Cummings, and then passed into the hands of Mr. Francis Moore.

The Methodist minister who first visited Minden, and the neighbouring townships, was the Rev. John A. Dowler, who was stationed at Bobcaygeon. His successors in the work were the Rev. James W. Sloan, Rev. Wm. Sheridan, Rev. Wm. Shortt, and the Rev. W. H. Schofield.

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The Terry Fox Run doesn't happen for another month, but the Minden committee is getting a head start on fund-raising for cancer research.

T-shirts are also be for sale and you can pick up sponsor sheets for the annual Terry Fox Run, now in its 16th season for Minden.

This year's run will be September 13 starting at the Minden arena at 9 a.m.

There will also be a Terry Fox Run booth set up at the Curling Club during Homecoming Week August 7 to 15.

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The Early Days

Minden which has been called the county town from its earliest records, enjoys a beautiful setting on the winding Gull River upon which many residents over the years have depended for water. Indeed it leaves little to be desired in the way of a prosperous village. The homes are spacious and well taken care of, as are the lawns and the beauty of the flowers in the summer testify to the native love of working in the soil. For although this was in the beginning, primarily a lumbering district, still many farm families came to this community and made a decent living.

The original name was Gull River Post Office, and then changed to that of Minden and even in 1854, was a busy spot; it being the centre for the five districts surrounding it. Mr. Daniel Buck who kept a tavern (serving beverages) had his hands full — especially at such times in the early summer when drives of logs were passing down the river from northern lumber camps. He also was the first postmaster, of which opened in 1860 having a weekly Friday mail, by rider from Cobocconk.

Mr. Thomas Young opened the first general store with others later by Messrs. Andrew, Bell, Dumble, Masca and Langton.

A Division Court was established in 1865, at which His Honour, R. M. Boucher, Judge of the County, presided with Mr. S. S. Peck, Clerk, and R. C. Garrett, Bailiff of the Court. Mrs. Wm. Gainer of the Township of Minden was Justice of the Peace, and reeve of Minden and the adjoining township. Mr. Wm. McKelvey, who for many years acted as Clerk of the Municipality, was also Commissioner of the Queen's Bench, and Issuer of Marriage Licenses. The total population in the village in 1866 was shown by the number of ratepayers to be 138 — total value, \$31,002.00, the county rate was \$11,479.00.

The government built the road known as the Peterson Road from east to west from Ottawa River to Georgian Bay for Military Purposes. Canada at that time was fearful of invasion from U.S.A. Later the Monk Road was cut through from Orillia, eastward to Bancroft in Hastings County. These roads were only passable for pedestrians, horseback riding or Oxen wagons and were about 15 miles apart. The Bobcaygeon Road was built northward from Port Hope on Lake Ontario

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Minden's historic bank robbery

In 1946 the Bank Manager Mr. Thomas Brignall was quite surprised when he received information that some negotiable bonds marked from Minden and been found in a park in Toronto. On checking the bank on Monday he found that the safe had been broken into by crowbars and a panel of glass had been removed from a window. 30 deposit boxes had been removed but no cash had been taken. It was estimated the theft was worth \$100,000.00 and the bonds found were returned to their owners.

through Bobcaygeon, Kinmount, Minden and on to Cedar Narrows, later renamed Dorset, from the English homeplace of Welch Family.

It was in 1877 when the railway reached Kinmount, near Minden and our station was Gelert and finally reached the village of Haliburton.

Home Schools and the Orange Hall were built of Logs in walking distance of each settlement, which often meant three miles. The county being settled mainly by Protestants of British Descent, the Orange Hall came shortly after the local church and was used for the services and all social functions.

There is the story to the effect that at one time a dance was held on New Years which lasted 4 days and 5 nights. Oh, for the good old days when simple pleasures were the order of the day and the church had its place in every one's life.

In this modern time we have had to change from the lumbering industry, and now we see the village interested in the Tourist Industry with many real-estate offices; the store fronts are as modern as those in larger cities; our new bridge across the river; the addition to the United Church just completed and the addition to the Anglican Church just a few years ago. As a shopping centre the village can suit the pocket of anyone; the beautiful building of the Hydro Electric Power Commission; the extensive building of the Department of Lands and Forests; our Beaver Theatre, small for the summer crowds but adequate in the fall, winter and spring; the Community Centre at which many events take place; the modern addition to the Public School; the new building housing the Police Court, Court Room, and the County Clerk Office; the modern registry office for the County; the modern Post Office large enough to serve the village and district as well; the Bank of Commerce, a truly modern structure; the Liquor Control Store and the Brewer's Retail Warehouse; the extensive buildings to house Prentice Roads; just to mention a few of the newer buildings not forgetting the homes built in the community; this is a thriving village just as it was in the beginning with far-sighted people with an eye to the future, steering us on to an even brighter future. The pioneers made a grand start for us in their hard work and their suffering hardships which are unknown today but let us continue with an eye to the future and learn from mistakes made in the past.

On its Centennial, the people of Minden may well look back with pride to its early history and with gratitude to those who had a part in it. Seldom have we had crime to mar the village records, for though many came and went but those who stayed have played a worthy part in the community. May they continue on and with the help of God above us we may have a happy and prosperous future in this happy village.

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May 10 - A bouquet of flowers a month from Campbell's Flower Gifts & Garden Centre - Elli Malcomson

May 18 - 2 tickets to Jimmy Flynn Live - Joanna Penfold

June 6 - 2 passes Highlands Summer Festival 2010 - Lynda Litwin

June 20 - 2 night stay at the Minden House B & B - Marjorie Green

June 21 - Wind in the Willows II, \$100 Spa Gift Certificate - Jack Brezina

July 1 - 2 tickets to Jimmy Flynn Live - Linda Litwin

The next draw will take place July 11 and will be for Prentice Power Sports pontoon boat tour.

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Minden House

Minden House has been an important part of Minden's history for nearly a century and a half.

It was built in 1866 of stacked timber and was home to Englishman Michael Brown, the town's treasurer, postmaster and justice of the peace, between 1884 and 1930. It has served the needs of tourists since 1935 when owners Dick and Laura Kirkwood added the adjacent cabins, then known as "Laurdic Tourist Accommodation". It was renamed "Minden House" in 1981 by well known watercolour artist and owner at the time, Marion Hill.

Part of Minden's heritage tour, it features an inviting wraparound veranda, whimsical alcoves, antique decor and furnishings. Since 2001, current owners Lesley and Gord Elliott have completed extensive renovations to the property and continue to operate Minden House as tourist accommodation, with three beautiful B&B guest rooms and five self catering cottages.

For more information about this wonderful historic site go to www.mindenhousebb.com.

Plan to Visit Minden if You Haven't Already

Minden Hills, Ontario, which houses the County seat from its earliest records, is the gateway to the County of Haliburton on Highway #35. While we are proud of our spectacular settings surrounded in beautiful outcroppings of rock, pristine lakes and rolling forested hills, we can also boast of the beautiful winding Gull River running through our downtown - Village of Minden.

Minden Hills, the amalgamated name for the respective Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Lutterworth and Snowdon, has been an escape for travelers and city dwellers for many years, escaping to a clean, relaxing and uncluttered lifestyle. Minden has grown from a sleepy little logging town to a vibrant and bustling community, just bursting with progress, activities and lots of enthusiasm. Also watch for all the festivities when Minden will be enjoying its 150th birthday in 2009.

Minden Hills has hundreds of things to "see, do and experience" - we welcome you to come and enjoy them all! From natural points of interest - falls, trails, white water rafting, gem/rock cut hunting, sight-seeing, bird watching, etc. to fun activities - golfing, fishing, boating, tubing, etc. Many new businesses and restaurants have opened their doors for your every need. Come and Experience Minden Hills!

Minden Hills recently expanded the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and completed the construction of with the R.D. Lawrence Place, Bobcaygeon Road North, Minden, and soon to expand its local library.

The Council, Staff and residents of the Township of Minden Hills welcome you to our neighborhood. We extend an invitation to you to come and visit our wonderful Township; spend time here to browse, shop, and experience every aspect of Minden Hills. We can boast that our community is one of the friendliest ever! ■

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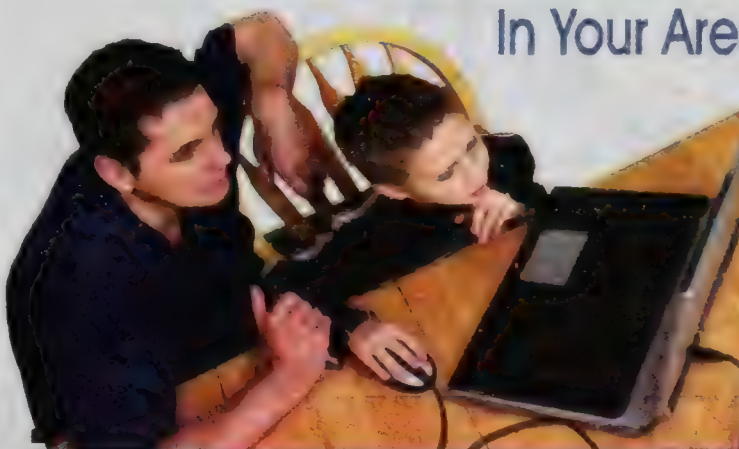
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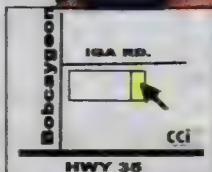


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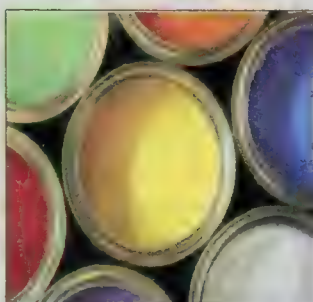
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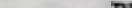
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Dr. Charles D. Curry, - staunch churchman, photographer, postmaster, druggist, school inspector, reeve, warden, and doctor to the area. Dr. Curry's contributions to the area were huge.

Mary Kent - first registered baby of European descent born in Minden. She was the daughter of Francis & Catherine Kent.

Daniel Buck arrived from England in 1850, and quickly became Minden's first major Hotel Keeper, Postmaster, Superintendent of Schools, and Logger. Buckslide Dam and Road are named after him.

Home Coming Week Starts Friday August 7th

A dedicated group of Mindenites have met on a regular basis since last fall to plan events throughout 2009 to high light 150 years of Mindens growth. One of the events we have planned for the summer is a Home Coming Week. Friday, August 7th starts off the week with events at the Minden Hills Museum and a Battle of the Bands at the arena. The Minden Hills Museum have created a comemorative coin, stamp and book to celebrate Minden's Sesquicentennial year. Please drop into the Minden Hills Museum and have your photo taken in pioneer dress as part of the festivities. In the evening come out to the SG Nesbitt Arena for Battle of the Bands. Your band can sign up on the website or by called 286-1936 for more information. ■



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Tidbits About Minden

The first settler in Minden was Mr. Francis Kent in 1858.

"Mr. William Gainer built the first sawmill in Minden in 1860."

"First hotel keeper in Minden was Mr. Daniel Buck, he was also the first postmaster and the office opened in 1860."

"Mr. Thomas Young opened the first general store in Minden in 1860."

It appears that prior to European settlement, Minden was originally part of an important Aboriginal hunting ground. A plaque honouring this is located on the lot to the left of the Clergy House on Water Street.

Minden's name came with the arrival of the post office in 1859 - prior to this the settlement was called Gull River. The name Minden was taken from the battle of Minden during the Seven Years' War which saw an outnumbered group of Hanoverian, Prussian, Hessian, and English troops defeat French and Saxon troops in 1759 near Minden, Germany.

Local militias were formed in Upper Canada between 1866-1871 in response to the Fenian Raids from the U.S. In 1866, out of 188 ratepayers in Minden/Stanhope, 122 were enrolled in the Minden Militia.

The settlement of Minden owes itself to the building of the Bobcaygeon Road. The road was infamous for its poor traveling conditions, even before it reached Gull River. The road was derisively called the "North Pole Road" which lead to the "Back Country" by people in the more developed regions to the south who felt that moving north was foolish.

There have been 3 major fires in Minden - 1879 and 1890 saw the better part of the Dominion side of Main Street destroyed, while the 1942 fire destroyed the Pharmasave side of Main Street. Other notable fires have occurred since, but thankfully without the same level of destruction.

Prior to there being a bridge over Gull River, residents used a raft and pulley system to cross.

In 1877 a cheese factory was built on the lot across from Archie Stouffer Elementary School. ■

Minden's Manufacturing



In 1859 Minden had no factories for articles to be used in

the homestead. Instead you would find many items made by hand - furniture, tools, children's toys, clothing and farm implements - cutters, harness, wagons and buggies plows, etc.

James Langton and John Burby, shoemakers, did a lot of this hand manufacturing in the early days followed (currently in 1959) by John Roackory and Arnold Coulter. Mark Morrison, John Welch and Harry Welch, Blacksmith, wagon and carriage makers, did a thriving business for many years. Mark Snell did harness repairs and horse-shoeing. One of the earliest harness makers was Wilfred Palmer.

A famous tinsmith who came from Edinburgh, Alec MacIntosh, was known in the area for his sap-buckets, stove pipes and tin pails and he ran one of the first stores in the Village of Minden.

Miss Southworth, Milliner and followed by Mrs. William Dean (after 1895) worked in the Hartle store as dress makers. Subsequently dressmaking was done in the village by Mrs. Chester Loucks and Mrs. John Hewitt. ■



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D. Clergy House and Other Minden Clergy Homes



Over the years, there have been several clergy houses in Minden. One that still stands today is the D. Clergy House at 40 Water St.

This log house, which was constructed in 1853, served as the headquarters for The Lakefield Lumber Company before it was purchased from Miss Margaret Wright for \$650 by the Diocese of Toronto. It is located by the Gull River on what is now South Water St., and soon became known as "The Clergy House."

Over the years, several ministers used the building as a rectory. It was used up until 1949 when it was sold to Norm Maidens, a member of St. Paul's, who in turn sold it several years later to another parishioner, Stan Blears.

In 1990 it was purchased by Morris Duff who made it his permanent residence. Morris and his late wife Shirley were the third private owners of the residence.

On the outside, it still remains the same as when it was first built. It is the oldest log house in the county. During its lifetime as a rectory, it contained a complete chapel where many marriages and baptisms took place.

The original Rectory of Minden still stands on the Bobcaygeon Road North beside the Minden Cemetery. In 1873, the Crown granted 100 acres as a Clergy Reserve to the Incorporated Synod of Toronto. These large tracts of land were granted to the Church of England, which for many years was the official church of the government of the day. Ten per cent of the land had to be set aside for the purpose of a cemetery. The rectory remained there until 1899. For many years that land was the property of Fred Wright, who

farmed the land extensively.

Jumping forward to 1949, a rectory apartment was built as a second storey over the Parish Hall, which was constructed in 1947. This apartment remained the rectory for several years, but it wasn't the best arrangement for clergy because residents of the apartment could hear noise made down below in the Parish Hall.

In 1978, the house and property adjacent was acquired as a rectory. This house had been originally the home of a CIBC bank manager, and later the home of Vinton Loucks.

In 1988-89, the building was enlarged to accommodate a new rector that had a growing family. ■



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Wild Swan: A Grand Minden Heritage House

Stephen Patrick
Editor



Gelert by rail and then to Minden via horse and buggy. Phillips wasn't just content to make an impressive visual statement. The house also featured the newest of heating technologies: a huge basement wood-burning furnace, an indoor cistern for water collected from the roof, and even abundant hot water in a washroom above the kitchen. Because of the efficiency of the central furnace, with its warm air ducted and released through grates in each room, the house had no fireplaces, which was an important point of pride for the owners.

The house retains its large arched windows, fifteen-inch high oak baseboards, an intricately

carved oak banister, large oak pocket doors between parlour and dining room and colourful stained glass in the arch over the big parlour window. The arch over the other front room, a less formal family room, is of subdued, hammered glass. Apparently only the special, formal parlour got the full stained glass treatment.

In the 1930s the house was run as the Riverside Lodge (Rooms, \$2 per day) before it was bought in 1939 by Candace Stouffer. Her husband, Archie Stouffer, was another Haliburton County School Inspector and the namesake of Minden's elementary school. The Stouffers were, and are, a musical family, and for years the house was the site of the school district's annual music festival. The porch served as the stage, and the front lawn leading to the cedars and the river provided seating for parents and the general community.

The shape of the porch's ceiling is a mystery. It curves



down to block some of the stone arches above the windows on either side of the front façade. It's done in such a way that it's very difficult to imagine that the design wasn't deliberate. But why cover up a portion of the graceful stone arch? One explanation is that the shape was designed to be an acoustic aid for the performances of the local school choirs, although some Stouffer family descendants dispute this.

In the spring of 1999 the building was completely refurbished by then Innkeeper Linnea Baynton and opened as the Wild Swan B&B. At the grand opening were many Minden residents who remembered the original owners, including one neighbour whose father supplied the horse and wagon for the transport of the yellow bricks.

The Wild Swan continues today as a premier Minden B&B; and with it the grand architectural and design tradition of the original Phillips house. ■

The Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast Inn on Invergordon Street in Minden is one of the most beautiful and historically important buildings in Haliburton County. The house is set back about 200 metres from the Gull River: the walkway leading to the imposing, spacious porch is guarded by two towering cedars pruned to resemble Italian Cypress. These cedars are a grand, almost-defiant gesture that gives visitors fair warning that this special house was neither conceived nor occupied by the timid. Much of Minden's social history, secure and community centred flows through this house, like the River's quiet, meandering progress through the town.

The grand house was built in 1905 for Haliburton School Inspector Sylvanus Phillips and his wife Alice who brought builder Nate Forsythe with them from Stouffville. The distinctive yellow bricks from the Don Valley Brickworks in Toronto were transported first to

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The Beaver Theatre Opens It's Doors

George Farrell
Staff Reporter

In May, 2008 I interviewed the new owner of the Beaver Theatre Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin. Here's part of that report:

'It was just a few months ago that Ludu Martin was having dinner and drinks with friends when one of them told her that the Beaver was up for sale. They all started talking about the great potential for the building so beautifully located along the Gull River, and a few drinks later Ludu made the decision to purchase the property. She comes across as a woman who, once her mind's made up, is going to stick with it through hell and high water.

"It was such a snap decision to buy, but friends have come to me with a wildfire of ideas as to what to do with it," Ludu said. "The co-operation and willingness to help from everyone is going to make this happen."

"The Beaver Theatre intends to offer a multi-purpose, special events facility to the Haliburton Highlands community and beyond. The Beaver Theatre will provide an exciting environment for the artistic community, locals, seasonal residents and tourists...."

The idea is to have the Beaver re-opening coincide with the Minden sesquicentennial celebrations, which will take place during the summer and fall of 2009.'

Fast forward to Thursday July 30th, a mere two days before the proposed celebrations around the re-opening of the famous landmark. A peek inside revealed a scene that could have come from an Hieronymus Bosch painting- the theatre of the absurd-people costumed in diverse work wear, intermingling and making all kind of contortions in avoiding each other, the 'set' revealing dusty



and spot lit pockets among the dark shadows. A scruffy young worker, who looked exhausted, reacted blankly to my dubious query; "You're going to be opening in two days?"

"I guess so," he replied as he hunkered back into the maelstrom. I certainly wasn't convinced, and half expected an email from Beaver Creative Managing Director Brigitte Gall saying that the opening was postponed.

Not so, it seemed, as Saturday evening rolled around and no call from Brigitte. Never underestimate a Fionnuala, ("my friends call me Ludu"). Well she's got enough local friends now that I think we can all call her Ludu.

Remarkably, the evening of August 1st unfolded with script-

like conformity. Oh, sure there were 'first night' glitches as one would expect. After all the building isn't totally finished yet. More of the eventual 130 seats have to be installed, carpeting has to be laid, more painting needs to be done and the sound system has to be sorted out, but compared to Thursday it was like night and day.

Outside the newly-hung doors, volunteers were selling Beaver T shirts, sweat shirts and caps. Others were handling ticket sales. Inside the revelry had already started and people were mixing in disorderly fashion, the 'set' remarkably transformed to chocolate brown walls and rich-red supporting columns. People were dressed in lightweight summer attire, and everyone looked bronzed in spite of our lousy summer - or maybe it was just the lighting. A quick look around revealed a who's who of the Minden and Haliburton arts scenes with a liberal mix of cottagers and Ludu's family, happily intermingling. Hieronymus Bosch had morphed into a northern glitterati get-together.

In what was to be a well paced evening, impresario Brigitte Gall, that kinetic ball of energy, jumped onto the stage and despite a fractious mike proceeded with well honed wit and bonhomie to get the proverbial ball rolling. She introduced Ludu, who up to that point had been a dervish, impossible to pin down for a few words, as she was everywhere at once, beaming with the sheer realization of the fruition of her dream. With her introduction she bounded down the aisle bedecked in blacks and beads, that huge infectious smile permanently in place, as she took the mike like a pro. Ludu ran the full emotional gamut as she thanked contractor Rob Luke and his crew, the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for assisting with renovation funding, Electrician Dan Allison, Technical Director Joe McManamy, Brigitte Gall, the Cultural Centre's Daniela Pagliaro, RD Lawrence Place's Sheryl Loucks, Tammy, David and Will Rea, Midori Nagai, Steve Smith, all the volunteers, members of her family and especially her mother, over whom she shed genuine tears. It was a poignant pause, but the joy of the evening was not to be denied, and amid cheers and whistles Ludu exited the stage to give way again to Brigitte.

'Beaver Tales' an ongoing video compilation of short interviews with people who remembered their experiences from an earlier Beaver incarnation, were interspersed throughout the hour long celebrations. Those interviewed remembered things like beer bottles rolling among the seats, mice scuttering about, and particularly scary movies from their youth. Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson told one of their inimitable stories. Other offerings were Chris King's video-short 'Stuffing,' a sing-along from the Abbey North Drummers, a Bethany and Jeska Houghton violin/cello ragtime duet, and a mini promo' from 'Those Other Movies,' which will now be playing at the Beaver as well as in Haliburton, an announcement that brought cheers from the crowd. Yes, the Beaver is back in business.

The celebratory hour also featured the big-voiced Cass Marie and the Blackfeather Band. Before things got too rowdy I managed to corner the now top-hatted and ebullient Ludu, if only briefly, for a word or two. "It exceeds my expectations," she exclaimed. "I think I'm inspired, I'm not really a movie goer or theatre person, I come from the world of finance, but seeing all this, I now get it."

"She was finally able to understand some of the requirements and the subsequent results that show what the theatre is capable of," Brigitte said later. The HCDC's Andy Campbell said that "It's great to have the Beaver back up and running after four or five years - it's another entertainment venue for Minden." Entertainer Jerelyn Craden commented that "it has tremendous potential, and it's exciting because it will support local artists in different media." Agnes Jamieson Gallery Curator Laurie Carmount said "The Cultural Centre in Minden will be working shoulder to shoulder with the Beaver to create something amazing. The Beaver Theatre is a finishing link, it completes the circle, and now we have it all in Minden, for all the arts and artists."

I left quietly amid the revelry, and outside the river moved slowly to the setting sun. It is indeed a beautiful setting, and as I looked back the newly renovated Beaver seemed to be smiling at its rebirth. If buildings could talk the Beaver would be thanking Ludu and all those people who helped to put the established landmark back on the map again as a destination and cultural fixture in a revitalizing Minden, in this its Sesquicentennial year.

On August 19th and 20th the Beaver will be featuring E games and X Box games where kids can compete against each other. Be sure to access the John Gallagher designed website www.beavertheatre.ca for additional upcoming creative programming. ■

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We asked people in Minden, "How do you feel about all of the celebrations that have been planned around the Sesquicentennial anniversary? Are there any upcoming events that you're looking forward to? If you live in Minden, how long have you been here for? What makes this an attractive town to you?"



Carol Simmons, Minden – "I think all of it is good. I think that the 150 has attracted more people to the area, both locals and tourists. It's also made them more aware of the history of the town. I think that the homecoming week should be good. I'd like to think that people will go out and support the fair. I've been living here since 1976. I'm amazed by how many put in so many volunteer hours into the community and I really like small town atmosphere."



Judy Burke, Cape Breton – "If these events can attract more tourists to the area, that's great. We don't live here but we have family who have been here for quite a while. We've visited them about three or four times in the past few years. We really like Minden. It has some great shops, we enjoy going on the walking trails, and the people are very friendly. It's a small town atmosphere, similar to what we're used to back home."



Laura Cunliffe, Minden – "It's wonderful. There's a whirlwind of activity. The events are getting bigger and better and there's been a ton of support for them. I'm looking forward to events like the fair, homecoming week, and I'm saving my money for the pie in the face of politician! I've lived in Minden for 10 years. Here you'll find some of the friendliest and supportive people around."



Sheryl Loucks – "I think that people are very excited about it. From the visitors I've talked to, the message has definitely gotten out there. Even people who come from the U.S. know what's going on and they find it interesting. I've heard people talk about events such as the bike ride and I hear they are signing up for it at a good rate. There's also been buzz around the homecoming week. Though I live in Haliburton, Minden is a very attractive place. With everything going on here, I think the town is forging an identity again."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Withering Watershed

Urban planners and water agencies in the southwestern United States have been warned that the region has an even chance of losing its primary water source by 2057 due to climate change. In a University of Colorado at Boulder study, lead author Balaji Rajagopalan says that by mid-century there is a 50 percent chance in any given year that reservoirs along the Colorado River will run dry. The Colorado River system provides water to agriculture and 30 million residents across a vast arid region that includes at least parts of Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona. In 2000, reservoirs fed by the river were at 95 percent of capacity. But they have dropped to a current capacity of only 59 percent due to a decade-long drought. The study suggests that water managers should adjust how their water supplies are used during the next few years before an only trickling Colorado River possibly forces them to.

Warming Returns

A resumption of global warming due to increasing solar activity and a resurgent El Niño should set the stage for a warming of the Earth over the next five years that will be far greater than earlier predicted, U.S. scientists say. In a report to be published in *Geophysical Research Letters*, researchers from NASA and the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory explain why the hottest year on record in 1998 was followed by relatively cooler years. They write that the stability in global temperatures observed over the last seven years was mainly due to less solar energy reaching the Earth during the downward phase of the 11-year solar cycle, combined with a lack of a strong El Niño.

Great Wall of Africa

An audacious plan to construct a 3,700-mile wall made of bacteria and sand is being proposed to stop the spread of the Sahara Desert across northern Africa. The scheme, put forward by architect Magnus Larsson at the TED Global conference in Oxford, England, would use a bacterium that can solidify sand within a matter of hours. Larsson told the BBC that *Bacillus pasteurii*, commonly found in wetlands, can bind sand grains together to basically create sandstone. He proposes injecting it into the dunes on a massive scale or using a barrage of giant bacteria-filled balloons to create the Sahara barrier. "We allow the dune to wash over this structure then we would pop the balloon," Larsson said. A 2007 U.N. report warned that expanding deserts threaten one-third of the Earth's population. Earlier proposals to create a wall of trees to halt the advance of the desert are considered impractical because people in such arid regions are usually so poor that they would chop the trees down for firewood.

A Record June

The surface temperature of the world's oceans was the warmest on record for the month of June, breaking the previous record set in 2005. NOAA's National Climate Data Center said that the average global sea-surface temperature in June was 1.06 degrees Fahrenheit above the 20th-century average for the month of 61.5 degrees. The center added that the combined global land and ocean surface temperature for June was also the second-warmest on record for the month, behind June 2005. It was unusually warm in Africa, Siberia and in areas around the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Earthquakes

Items were tossed off shelves and tourists fled their rooms as a 5.7 magnitude quake rocked the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu. Residents in the capital of Port Vila said buildings shook for about 10 seconds. Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan, Tibet and northwest Pakistan.

Eruption

Jet airliners and military aircraft flying over the North Pacific were alerted to a plume of ash from Far East Russia's Shiveluch volcano, which spewed ash up to 23,000 feet into the atmosphere. A string of tremors accompanied the eruption.

Monkey Rehab

Northern India's worst-behaving monkeys will soon be sent to a rehabilitation center being built to teach manners to the pesky primates. The center is being established to cope with the thousands of rogue macaques that have moved into urban areas of Punjab state while their traditional wild habitat was developed and colonized by humans. *The Hindu* reports that as the animals move into population centers in search of food, they often create havoc by chasing and attacking humans while attempting to snatch their belongings. "Once the center is functional in the city of Patiala, forest officials in Punjab will be able to catch monkeys from residential areas and send them across so that they can be taught to be decent and live socially," state wildlife official Jasmer Singh told the newspaper.

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The chronological history of the landmark Dominion Hotel in Minden is sketchy at best. Pelham Mulvaney's 'History of the County of Peterborough' (1884) has this to say. "The first hotel keeper in the township was Mr. Daniel Buck, who kept tavern in the Village of Minden, and who was the first postmaster, the office being opened in 1860 with a weekly mail. The oldest village in the County of Haliburton is Minden, which was laid out by the Government at the point where the colonization road crosses Gull River by a bridge. This village, in 1864, contained a hotel, kept by Mr. Daniel Buck, a blacksmith's shop, several stores, and a sawmill which was at work about a mile higher up the river.

Twenty years ago, (1864) the arrival of a barrel of whiskey at the hotel was an event which was marked by a general meeting of the entire settlement, the meeting sometimes lasting several days, and refreshing itself at intervals with a violin and cotillions. There was a dance at Buck's Hotel, Minden, which commenced on New Year's Eve, 1864, and lasted with slight intermissions, for four days and five nights. The population in those days was greatly addicted to dancing, and the festive meetings at Buck's were numerous.

In those days the side of Bobcaygeon Rd where the present Dominion Hotel stands was in the township of Anson, and was allowed to serve liquor. The other side of the road was 'dry.' That may be the reason why there were at least 3 hotels in Minden. Exactly where Mr. Bucks hotel was located we're not exactly sure, and we also don't know whether the present day Dominion was exactly where Bucks Hotel was

situated. Where the almost mythical Buck's Tavern was located is merely conjecture, but some people have Buck down as owning more than one establishment.

We do know that Daniel buck arrived from England in 1850, and that by 1860 he owned lots 3,4, and 5 close to the river and the same lots that the Dominion now stands on. The 1861 Consensus of Canada records show Daniel Buck's son James as a Tavern Keeper. We also know that Buck's Hotel was in business from the 1860's until 1890, when the second great fire of Minden destroyed a portion of the building. Records show that a Mr. C. Thompson rebuilt the hotel after the fire



and a Mr. J. Graham owned the building into the 1890's. J.J. Mortimer was the owner from 1905 to 1920, at which time it was called the Dominion Hotel and owned by G.H. Sears.

The present owner Shawn Chamberlin bought the building in 2004 from Elizabeth Solterman. He started renovating in 2007 and was basically finished in 2008. Much of Minden's history has been passed down orally, and written down sporadically, so Mr. Chamberlin's account of the history of his hotel is perhaps as good as any. "As far as I know," he begins, the building was built in 1865 by a stage coach line owner as one in a series of stop-overs from Barrie to North Bay. He built five identical hotels but this is the only one left. They were all approximately one day's coach travel apart. Daniel Buck owned three hotels in town, including this one. We don't know exactly where the famous Buck's Tavern was located. I've seen the Dominion hotel referred to as far back as 1870. It wasn't completely demolished in the fire, but was rebuilt. The area where the pub is now was originally a lean-to, and a canteen was added to the hotel in about 1910. The hotel has been owned by 10 or 15 different people over the years."

"Starting in the 1940's," Chamberlin continues, "fire regulations meant that the open concept staircase had to be enclosed, as well as the formal dining room. In the 1970's the building inspector condemned the veranda as being unsafe. We'll they couldn't pull it down with four, four wheel drive trucks, that's how unsafe it was."

The second floor of the hotel is where the guest rooms are located, but Shawn Chamberlin reveals that there is a third floor. It turns out to be a six or sevenfoot high unfinished attic. "This is where the loggers used to stay," he says, and to prove the point reveals names and dates carved into an old wooden door. "They use to throw straw mattress down, and they'd sleep without heat. There were 30 to 40 loggers at a time bedding down, so body heat kept them warm."

There's supposed to be a ghost inhabiting the Dominion hotel. The ghost is supposed to be that of Ana Pacelli, who was the mistress of a captain who 'done her wrong.' Sarah Delroy, an employee of the hotel, might have actually seen Ana. She reports that one time when the dining room was empty she saw a woman occupying one of the tables. She turned away for a second and when she turned around again the woman had vanished.

There's history and then there's legend. At the Dominion Hotel you can get both. ■

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"Slow Death by Rubber Duck" author comes to Minden

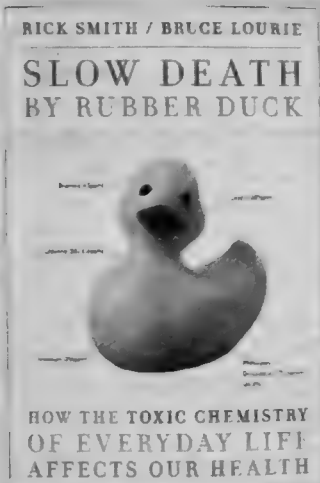
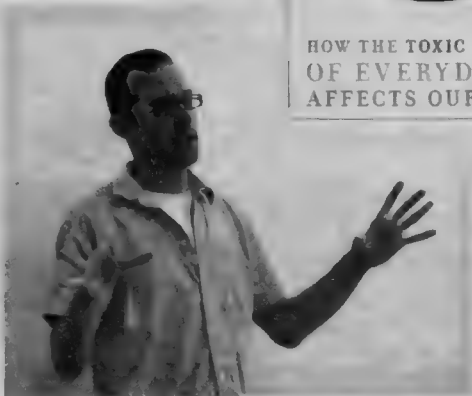
It's scary! There are so many common products that environmentalists claim are harming us, but wow, that cute little rubber ducky that we share the bathtub with? Yup, that adorable little honker is the latest target of the eco-cops. As cute as the non-assuming bird is, he's out to kill you!

Best selling author and Executive Director of Environmental Defence, Rick Smith, was at RD Lawrence Place in Minden on July 31st explaining why we should be wary of our rubber ducky, and thousands of other common household items. His often humorous and entertaining presentation was based on the book *Slow Death by Rubber Duck* which he co-authored with Bruce Lourie, an environmental professional who is president of the Ivey Foundation. The title was inspired by a display of rubber ducks that Smith and his wife saw while strolling Danforth Avenue in Toronto. Hidden within the cute, colourful, malleable toy, the icon that toddlers adore, are toxins unbeknown to most of us. Children are especially susceptible as many chemicals mimic hormones and affect growth and normal development.

Using themselves as test subjects, Smith and Lourie set out, through experimentation, to find the effects of toxic chemicals common within our homes. They exposed themselves to a variety of chemicals, no extreme or outlandish tests were allowed, all contact with household items was typical of that which the average person would be exposed to, both in concentration and duration. They focused on phthalates (in toys and personal care products); bisphenol A (found in plastics); brominated flame-retardants (found in upholstered products and electronics) and triclosan (the active ingredient in many anti-bacterial products) non-stick chemicals, mercury (one of the oldest toxins known) and pesticides. Levels of these chemicals were monitored through blood and urine results before and after performing a variety of everyday activities.

The results were extraordinary and disturbing. But according to Smith, there is some good news. We can lower the effects of many of these chemicals by following some basic guidelines. His words of advice are to avoid using plastics with foods, especially for heating and re-heating, curtail the use of highly scented and anti-bacterial personal care products, bypass tuna or swordfish if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, (eat other fish) do not buy non-stick or fire retardant products and ban all use pesticides.

After listening to Rick Smith, a person will never view their ducky in quite the same way. Hopefully, our teddy bears won't be on the next hit-list, if they aren't already!



An Excerpt

"The truth of the matter is that toxic chemicals are now found at low levels in countless applications, in everything from personal care products and cooking pots and pans to electronics, furniture, clothing, building materials and children's toys. They make their way into our bodies through our food, air and water. From the moment we get up from a good night's sleep under wrinkle resistant sheets (which are treated with the known carcinogen formaldehyde) to the time we go to bed at night after a snack of microwave popcorn (the interior of the bag being coated with an indestructible chemical that builds up in our bodies), pollution surrounds us. Far from escaping it when we shut our front door at night, we've unwittingly welcomed these toxins into our homes in countless ways. In a particularly graphic example, it's been estimated that by the time the average woman grabs her morning coffee, she has applied 126 different chemicals in 12 different products to her face, body and hair.

And the result? Not surprisingly, a large and growing body of scientific research

links exposure to toxic chemicals to many ailments that plague people, including several forms of cancer, reproductive problems and birth defects, respiratory illnesses such as asthma and neurodevelopmental disorders such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

We have all become guinea-pigs in a vast and uncontrolled experiment.

At this moment in history, the image conjured up by the word "pollution" is just as properly an innocent rubber duck as it is a giant smoke stack." -From the book *Slow Death by Rubber Duck* ■



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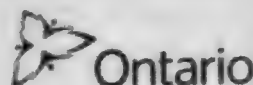
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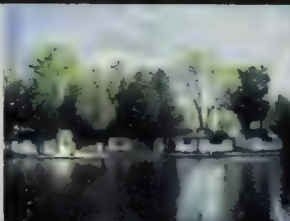


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Minden Lake - \$349,000

Spectacular point lot with 405 feet of sandy beachfront-perfect for the kids! This three bedroom fully winterized cottage/home features: brick fireplace, large country kitchen, new flooring, new heating system, separate one bedroom guest suite with own bath and much more. Very nicely decorated throughout.

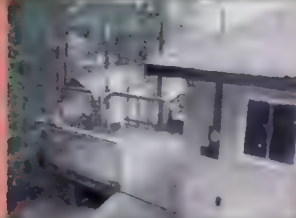


Kashagawigamog Lake - \$439,500

Family owned since 1946, this property features a two bedroom home with five furnished guest cabins, two car garage and great docking. Featuring 264 feet of lakefront with western exposure. The zoning allows the property to be used as a family resort, bed and breakfast, marina etc. or ideal property to build your dream home! Estate Sale.



Cathy* Lancia & Shirley Rule
Kennisis Lake Office
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Kennisis Lake - \$399,900

Kennisis Lake Winterized cottage ideal for entertaining family and friends. Two decks, one for Shade and one for Sun lovers. 920 sq. ft. with Guest cabin that sleeps 8. Cottage has Pine interior and Kitchen with the newest technology Laminated flooring. 112 ft frontage with spectacular Southern view for all day sun.



Little Kennisis - \$499,700

Recently renovated. Fully redone includes new kitchen, floors, paint and a 3 piece bath. Finished basement with an office, den, laundry, and 3 piece bath. Gently sloping lot with open view facing east. Sand and rock shore. New furnishings included for the right offer. Hurry to enjoy this property this year!



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Haliburton Lake - \$495,000

Spacious 4 season - 5 B.R. lakefront family cottage/home on popular Haliburton Lake. Excellent Rental Property. Large (.88 ac.), level, private lot w/south exposure & 179' of sand beach. Interior boats, warm pine sunroom, large kitchen w/breakfast bar, open concept dining rm. & L.R., games/recroom w/pool table, wraparound deck, hot tub. Completely furnished!



3 Lake Chain - \$219,000

Year round home/cottage on prime level lot w/expansive southern exposure of Green Lake. Shallow sand shoreline, easy year round municipal road access, ample parking. Totally renovated maintenance free modern 3 B.R./ 1400 sq. ft. bungalow plus full finished lower level and a detached double garage.

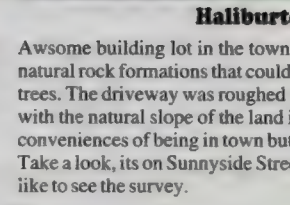


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MOORE LAKE - \$299,900

Nestled in a beautiful quiet bay with stunning western exp. you'll be able to enjoy the sunsets from the waterfront boathouse. This 2 story building is overflowing with the charm of days gone by and offers 2 bdrms, living, kitchen and 3 pc bath all self contained. The main cottage offers 3 bdrms is totally winterized and currently used as a year round residence. Great property with a sand beach.



Haliburton Building Lot - \$49,000

Awsome building lot in the town of Haliburton, very big over 2 1/2 acres with fabulous natural rock formations that could be built right in to the landscaping and gorgeous mature trees. The driveway was roughed in a number of years ago, hydro is right at the lot line and with the natural slope of the land it would be a perfect lot for a walkout basement. All the conveniences of being in town but when you look out to the back yard all you see is forest. Take a look, its on Sunnyside Street just about to the end on the south side. Call me if you'd like to see the survey.



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Stothart Creek - \$449,000

Choose your Finishes - Bayou Cottage on .86 ac is 2.2 km from Haliburton. Main flr ensuite, with walk-in shower & soaker tub, features a lg master closet & private room for reading & entertainment. The 2nd flr with balcony hall, abundant closets & storage, has 3 lg br and 2 baths. The rec room could provide an additional suite for family with an optional separate ent from the garage.



Kashagawigamog Lake - \$789,900

Custom home w/lots of wood & windows, vaulted ceilings & beams, large gourmet custom kitchen w/composite counter tops & cherry cabinets, dry stacked stone fp, 2nd storey master suite w/bath, sitting room & balcony. 'Carriage House' w/a single garage, 23'x12' workshop/studio & charming 2nd storey guest quarters overlooking the lake.

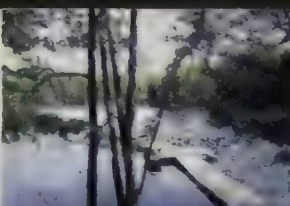


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Water Street - \$169,000

Large 5 bedroom in town home with main floor wheel chair access. Large principal room, separate apt. upstairs, could be 2 with walk out to large deck. Level land with 2 other sheds, 3 bathrooms complete the package.



Kushog Lake - \$165,500

Great waterfront lot, with tear down cottage, has hydro, no septic - easy access in winter. Bunkie in good condition. Being sold in 'AS IS' condition. Kushog is a pristine lake - 9 miles long - good fishing.



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Portage Lake - \$239,000

Great 3 Bedroom cottage located just a short drive from Haliburton. The shoreline has 158 ft of sandy pebbly bottom that is great for swimming, or dive off the dock into the deep water. At the end of the day, relax on the deck enjoying the view over the lake.

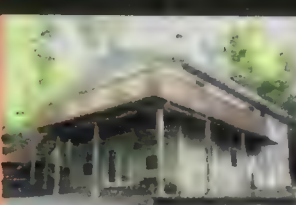


Starter or Retirement - \$134,900

Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pusey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!



Jeff Wilson
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Private Setting - \$179,000

Newly updated 3 + bedroom home. Very private setting, only minutes to Sir Sams Ski Hill. Call 457-8487 for details.



Indian Point Rd. - \$54,900

22 acre parcel that is only 10 minutes to the village of Haliburton. hydro and bell at lot line. drag lake boat launch and public beach only minutes away. price is plus gst.



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12 Mile Lake - \$239,900

Superb property on 12 Mile Lake with a great sunrise view and sandy, gravel shoreline, great for kids and adults alike. Enjoy the rustic feel of this basic cottage or build a new cottage to suit your dreams on the gently sloping lot.



Pine Lake - \$255,500

Very neat and tidy waterfront home or cottage with single detached garage and a full, partially finished basement. The lot is level, faces west and has a nice sand beach. Part of a 3 lake chain, the fishing is great and you are located close to skiing, golf and shopping.



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Soyers Lake - \$329,000

Newly renovated & tastefully decorated cottage or waterfront home. 2+2 bdrms, livingrm with pine cathedral ceilings, pine flring & large deck. Wood cabinetry in the kitchen. Walkout recroom. Bunkie, double detached garage with attached heated games room/workshop. Lots of land around cottage to enjoy the outdoors. Miles of boating on this 5 lake chain.



Stormy Lake - \$769,000

Cottage/waterfront home situated on private lot & 160' sand shoreline. Deep swimming off dock. West exp. Large windows overlook waterfront, maple floors on main level, custom Italian railings imported & cherry staircase. W/o to deck from master bedrm with 3pc ensuite & walkin closet. Full w/o basement with. 3400sf cottage & 2 storey bunkie.



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Haliburton Village Home - \$199,900

Charming home offers all the character of an 80+ old home with recent upgrades in the Village of Haliburton. Perennial gardens, privacy hedge, mature trees are some of the outdoors features. Sunroom, original hardwood floors, spacious rooms, propane fireplace, built in bookcase, 3 + bdrms, Den on the main floor + separate entrance 2 pc bath are some of the main floor features.



Kinmount Area Home - \$214,900

Spacious home with den, large living rm, open kitchen with lovely oak cabinets, sunrm. Two bedrms and large bathrm. Finished family room and third bedroom downstairs. Walk out basement with utility room. 3.6 acres. 24' x 11' Bunkie with woodstove. Garage and workshop, 2 sheds, covered storage. Upgrades include UV filter treatment, central air, finishings. Only 2 km to Kinmount.

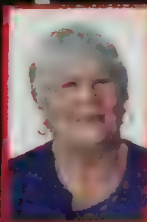
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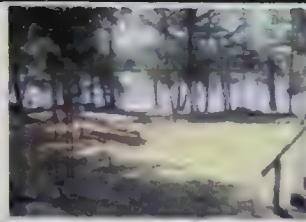


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Hunting Property - \$179,000

200 acres that could be used for hunting property. Access to Little Bob Lake through unopened road allowance. Abutting 100 acres of crown land. Gravel from this lot built Little Bob Lake Road.



Private Lot - \$179,900

Large private lot on a spring fed lake. Driveway in, and old cottage on property. Lovely shoreline, with dock and an old boathouse that is repairable. Well treed and has 150 ft. of frontage facing north west.



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Highland Grove - \$238,600

2+bdm, 2 bath home, public access for Jordan Lake is a very short walk away with swimming, boating and fishing. Landscaped and offers an L-shaped, insulated, 2 bay garage with a work bench. Wired-in generator, Trex decking at the back for low maintenance, 200 amp service, partially finished basement. 15 to 20 minute drive to Bancroft.

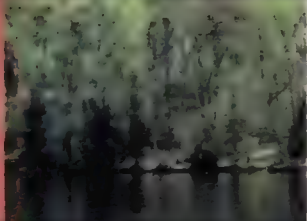


Lipsy Lake - \$1,125,000

Newly built 4 bedrm post and beam. CaesarStone Quartz kitchen countertop, slate and hardwood floors plus slate shower and tub surrounds. Soaring ceilings and expansive windows in the Great Room. The waterfront is that perfect mix of natural, deep, rock-shelf with a great sandy, gradual entry area for the kids and launching the kayak.



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Drag Lake- \$179,000

Outlet Bay - Great Building Lot on a Year Road Township Road, 147 feet of shoreline with Northern Exposure, Nestled in an Area of Prestigious New Cottages. Just Minutes to the Town of Haliburton. Boating on a 2 Lake Chain!



Starter Home - \$125,000

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Eagle Lake Area Lots

Two lots available in area of newer homes, close to skiing, public beach and restaurants. \$31,000 for 3.95 acres and \$30,000 for 2.1 acres

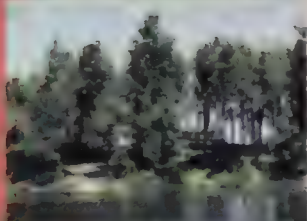


Beech River - \$409,000

Stunning waterfront home/cottage set on 1/2 acre. Features include: hardwood and ceramic floors, woodstove, 3 bdms/2.5 baths, full finished walk-out basement, screened porch, detached garage and beautiful landscaping!



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Birchy Lake Estate - \$1,959,000

One of a kind, truly a unique opportunity to live on this very private 35 million year old pristine spring fed stocked waterfront, with 15 miles of groomed nature trails in your own forest and custom cape cod home. Full descriptive package of amenities and inclusions, GST in addition.

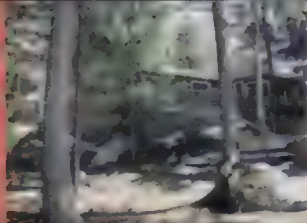


"Sears" Business and Property - \$1,200,000

Unique opportunity to own a prestigious Sears branded store (not a franchise). This is a very profitable well established, high volume business generating very high gross sales. The property is a 6.7 prime corner, with potential for further commercial development. The building incl a 2116 sf owners/managers air conditioned 3 bedrm open suite, with 2 large bathrms, gas fp & interior access to the store below.

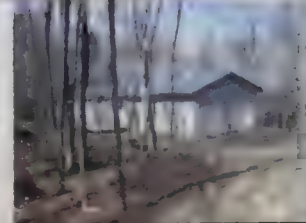


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Kennisis Lake - \$445,000

170 feet of sand shoreline in this quiet bay - 1494 sq. ft. cottage or home. Spacious country kitchen with w/o to porch - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - guest cabin - garage - beautiful sunsets from here - private boat launch - twp road



Old Donald Road - \$229,000

New country home built in 2008 - 1100 sq. ft. - modern and bright new kitchen with island - hardwood floors throughout - 2+2 bedrooms - main floor laundry - 2 bathrooms - fully finished w/o basement - propane high eff. heat - attached 2 car garage - fantastic view - 1.5 acres



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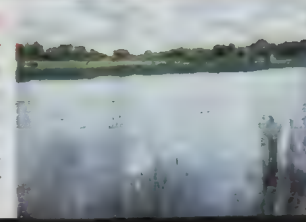


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Minden Council Approves an Exception to Building Variances

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Despite protests from an adjacent neighbour, Ray and Karen Oster's workshop will remain in place as constructed. Last week the Minden Hills Council considered variances, both approved and exceeded, associated with the Parallel Falls Lane development and considered them to be reasonable.

Discussion about the development got under way with Kevin Cooke, a neighbour who was present to protest the proposed zoning change which would allow additional minor height and side yard variances. Cooke voiced his disappointment in the fact that the by-law department had not enforced existing by-laws properly.

"My neighbours have built something that does not comply with the zoning by-law and are now trying to change the zoning to bring the building into compliance," said Cooke.

Cooke, who said he had some experience with zoning changes said, "The correct way to go about this is to canvas the neighbours to see if there are any objections and to try to rectify the situation before construction is allowed. That has not been done." He further contended that if the building inspector had stopped work as required, the building would never have been built as it stands."

Cooke said he had reviewed a number of sections of the by-law carefully and concluded that the Council was way out of line if they were to approve a zoning change. The sections that Cooke quoted were related to enforcement, height limitations for buildings from the finished grade, height restrictions for accessory buildings and permitted uses allowed in the existing zone.



Karen and Raymond Oster address Minden Council.

According to Cooke the new building is taller than the variance allowed and a ridiculous amount of fill had been added in an attempt to change the grade and reduce the height of the structure. He said, "This is a thinly veiled way to grossly hide the requirements of the building code." He also said that there had been no enforcement by by-law officers despite his repeated visits to the by-law department during construction. Cooke also voiced concerns about what appeared to be a home industry.

"My difficulty with this is that what initially was proposed as a craft and hobby shop is significantly bigger than the 1 1/2 storey building proposed. It could easily be retrofitted to become a B&B or secondary cottage on the lot." Cooke also voiced concern that Mr. Oster's hobby involved metal work.

He said, "I'm not interested in listening to the works of a metal shop or anything that would be a noxious activity. Frankly, I think that the construction represents a devaluation of real estate values for the adjacent properties, whether there is a building there or not. While there is nothing on the (adjacent) site, some day someone will inherit it and no one will want to build next to a 2 1/2 storey building that encroaches on the property line." In fact the Oster's workshop will be used only for Karen Oster to pursue her hobby of pottery.

Ray and Karen Oster then had their opportunity to address Council. (Ray) Oster said that there were three issues; height of the building, the side yard discrepancy and whether the structure had been built to plan.

He said, "We planned that the lower level would be below grade as a basement and a minor height variance was required. When we scraped the

overburden soil off it was obvious that the basement could not be built. Our only option would have been blasting, but the effect of that would have compromised the foundation, so we went ahead and built a platform resulting in a building that is three feet too high."

Oster said that they had called for the inspector who had asked for some minor changes. "When I said that I was losing sleep over this, the inspector said I shouldn't lose sleep over the situation as it was not a big problem."

Oster spoke of discussions with the Committee of Adjustment and commented that there had been no opposition from the neighbours regarding the side yard variance. According to Oster, when the order was issued by the Committee it only allowed relief by .7 metres. He said, "We had built in the wrong location and that is why we're here."

Oster also said that when he found that there was opposition to his request for an exemption to the zoning he went to area neighbours to find out how they stood. According to Oster, there are sixteen properties on the road and twelve of them (representing 75 percent) signed a declaration of support.

Oster said that only two of the neighbours can actually see the building and even the adjacent property owner on whose property the building encroaches, had signed in support of the development. He said, "I ask you, where is all this opposition that has been alluded to."

Karen Oster commented that both she and her husband were active members in the community and care about the community a great deal. "We had no intent to contravene the laws of Council. We simply proceeded in a way that we thought was acceptable, appropriate and within the law."

She also commented that the entire matter was very disappointing, and that during construction there had been many opportunities to make comments or ask questions. She said that for anyone to come to Council now in opposition was very upsetting.

Councillor Bill Obee inquired if a public meeting was required before a decision was made, but Reeve Jim McMahon advised that the public meeting had been held and that a final decision could be made that day.

Ken Jones, Minden's Chief Building Official, reported that the building had dormers which had been added for aesthetic character, giving it an appearance of having three stories. Jones confirmed that it is actually considered to be a two storey structure. Jones, who said that it had been difficult to accurately measure the actual height of the structure, reported that the visual impact of the building's height is diminished by surrounding trees. According to Jones, based on the average finished grade of the building it was .48 metres higher than the height permitted by the minor variance.

Jones also advised that the side lot line was not marked. He reported that based on the information provided by the owner and survey ribbons in place, the location of the side lot line had been approximated and a minor side yard variance had been permitted.

Jones concluded that the height and side yard setback did not conform to those permitted by the minor variances, but that the provisions of the proposed rezoning would address those issues. He suggested that the proposed zoning change was reasonable.

Councillor Ratcliffe said that he was unsure whether the height requirements stipulated by the building department had been met and asked Oster if further changes could be made to the grade. Oster advised that he had discussed this with the contractor, but it had been agreed with the by-law enforcement officer that the grade had been taken as far as it could go and that it was sufficient.

After a brief discussion, Council passed a resolution approving the zoning change as requested. ■

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Local Media Goes for a Walk On the Wild Side

It's Like You Can Almost Touch the Clouds from Way Up Here

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Whether you're on land, in the water, or are situated way up in the air, there really is no shortage of action, excitement and adventure at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.

A few members of the media (including yours truly) found that out for themselves during a familiarization tour (FAM) that was held at the privately owned, multi-use forest earlier in July. Those who were dragged out for the day included Rick Lowes of Moose FM and his wife Nancy, Martha Perkins, Managing Editor of The Echo/The Times, and Canoe FM radio host Malcolm MacLean. Leading the way as tour guide was the always enthusiastic and insightful Sean Pennylegion and his tour guide sidekick Jessica Spooner.

The day began early, at 9 a.m. to be exact. After a brief morning chat – minus the coffee – we climbed aboard a cargo van and headed out to parts unknown. None of us seemed frightened, and maybe that was in part due to the fact that we had Spooner at the wheel and Pennylegion to convince us that everything would be all right.

As we drove deep into the forest, Pennylegion gave us an in-depth history lesson on the world-class, popular destination centre that serves several purposes. For many years, the Haliburton Forest was a place where logging was its primary industry. Today, logging continues, but it is done in a way that actually improves the quality of the forest, as opposed to past practices that were detrimental to its sustainability. In its current era, the forest has grown to become an educational centre, a tourist attraction, and a place that can sustain itself. This year, a new sawmill was introduced to the forest for the purpose of milling timber from the properties' extensive holdings.

It was evident that Pennylegion had us all fascinated as he went into great detail about the past and present. Some of us seemed to lose track of time, and before we knew it, it was time to file out of the van and plant our feet firmly on ground.

We were given fair warning that the bugs could be bad. Luckily for us, Pennylegion and Spooner brought bug hats and spray along for the trek.

We proceeded to make our way to the small and serene Pelaw Lake. A canoe was waiting for us, but unfortunately it didn't come with a crew who could do all the dirty work. No, there weren't going to be any chauffeurs here.

"Get ready to paddle," said a grinning Pennylegion, as he handed us lifejackets and wooden paddles. After taking some time getting used to paddling in sync with the others, I was taken aback by just how calm the waters were and how soothing the gentle breeze felt. "It must be heaven to be one of the animals that calls this place home," I thought to myself.

Within a few minutes of paddling, the land far off in the distance came increasingly closer. With Spooner at the head of the canoe and Pennylegion steering away at the back, we were guided to



the next dock that awaited us.

Since I have experienced a few soakings of my own when getting on and off these wobbly vessels, I was exercised an increased level of caution this time around to save myself the embarrassment that would come along with falling out.

Once on land, we were led to a small hut that was full of climbing gear. It was then that it dawned on me – we're on our way to the notorious 'Walk In the Clouds'.

Now, I'm not one who is afraid of heights, speed, or sudden drops and lifts, but I did have a few butterflies in the stomach for this impending activity. Maybe it was a combination of knowing that I would be up 70-ft above the forest floor on a narrow wooden board that instigated those fearful thoughts in my head. Or maybe it was a fear of the unknown mixed in with the fact that my level of alertness might not be at its peak due to the fact that I missed out on my morning latte.

It was too late to turn back now. Pennylegion gave us a very detailed rundown on how to strap on our harnesses and how to scale the bridge. He made it clear that safety was the number one priority when going up in the trees. If any of us felt

uncomfortable about do-

ing so, we were given the chance to just say no. Fortunately for Pennylegion and Spooner, we are all brave media hounds, willing to take on any adventure for the sake of forming an epic story.

Each participant was no doubt a little shaky when taking their first baby steps onto the bridge. The bridge had a little bounce when stepped upon, but Pennylegion reassured us that this was



a completely natural occurrence. Though at first glance the bridge looked flimsy to me, the truth is that it's far from it. Its strong cables are capable of supporting thousands of pounds, and since we went across each bridge span two people at a time, the risk involved was virtually zero. The sturdy bridge is also regularly inspected to ensure that it meets the necessary safety requirements.

Once I overcame that initial step, the experience was far from terrifying; in fact it made me go into a Zen-like state. Knowing that I was hooked on to cables with two separate hooks also gave me a great added sense of security.

The Walk in the Clouds becomes in fact quite a relaxing experience within minutes of getting into it. It provides you with a pleasant escape from reality amongst nature in all its splendour, and you really get a true "birds-eye view" of the forest while way up in those treetops.

After our walk concluded, we paddled back to the dock we set out from and proceeded to drive back to base camp. While there we gathered for lunch and chatted about the amazing facilities we just had explored. Talk about ongoing activities at the forest were discussed, and future events, such as the Forest Festival set to take place from August 20-23 were touched on.

So the next time your looking to a destination in Haliburton County that will surely take your breath away, visit the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve located at 1095 Redkin Drive (about a 20 min drive from West Guilford). You'll be glad that you did.

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Plein Air Festival Cont'd...

Stephen Patrick

Editor

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the new French impressionists to work with natural light. Famous masters such as Renoir, Pizarro, Monet, and Cezanne took the use of natural light to great heights, defining and redefining landscape painting through each decade. Canada's own Group of Seven painters were inheritors of this important shift in painting, and modern Canadian painters' love of landscape comes directly from this tradition.

The Highlands East Cultural Association, headed by local artists Patricia Curry, Tracey Lee Green, and Darlene Buckingham, decided last year to see if sufficient support was available to mount the Festival. To their delight, and perhaps astonishment, the Haliburton County Development Corporation gave them a grant of \$7500, to which the Highlands East Council added a further \$3000. And after a year's hard work, the artists finally arrived last Thursday night and Friday morning, ready to take advantage of some of the 15 beautiful sites the Association had chosen. The sites ranged from the mysterious ruins of the Barnes Farm near Windermere Lake, to the 120-year old Christ Church Essonville, to Furnace Falls, the Tory Hill Market, and the northern Kingscote Lake Road.

In an unusual departure from traditional Plein-Air practice, Patricia Curry decided to include a "Landscape of the Model" opportunity at her home in Irondale. Put simply, artists draw from a real life artists' model, as is done traditionally in figure drawing or painting. They then take these images and use them as a kind of muse which is incorporated into a landscape painting. "This is a very challenging and difficult discipline," says Pat Curry. "A wonderful artist named V. Jane Gordon taught a course at Fleming College last summer, which was really fascinating. Artists for centuries have inserted the human form into all kinds of settings, but now the technique is gaining new popularity." Picture the floating figures in Chagall's paintings, for example, or the floating Ophelia's and Ladies of Shalotts common to the Pre-Raphaelites. Some six artists of the 40 in the Festival took up the challenge, which they found fascinating and inspiring.

After two days of paintings, the final Art Show and Sale took place on Monday at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. All the participating artists were welcome to submit one or more of their previous works in the competition. The works were judged by Lee-Ann Martin, who's currently Curator of Contemporary Aboriginal Art at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, as well as serving as an Adjunct Professor of Visual Arts at the University of Ottawa. Martin selected eight works from the dozens presented, awarding first prize to a stunning work by J. David Sharpe entitled Sun Above the Ottawa. "The calibre of the work presented here is extremely impressive," said Martin. "And the festival itself is nothing short of inspiring. The locations were beautiful, and organization of this event was truly excellent." Martin's been a cottager in the area for over 30 years, so she's certainly no stranger (and she's also the sister of Highlands East Councilor Suzanne Partridge). "But still, I was



unaware of many of these locations – this is a Festival that surely will have a great future."

Among the eight prizes awarded was one to Minden artist Gary Chapman for his work "Autumn Blow". At the concluding ceremonies MP Barry Devolin, MPP Rick Johnson, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, accompanied by almost all his council, gathered to congratulate the artists and the organizers. But the most fulsome praise came from the participating painters. Painter Zan Barrage, the interim president of the Ontario Plein Air Society, said "this is simple wonderful event – and I think it will become a major part of the Plein Air scene across not just Ontario, but North America." Grand Prize Winner Sharpe, by day a vice-president, creative, of a Toronto ad agency, commented that, "This has been one of the best events I've ever attended. I knew something about Haliburton, but not this beautiful Highlands East area. What a revelation! And the camaraderie and hospitality shown by the organizers was great: a bonfire every night at Tracey Lee Green's house, for example: I'll certainly be back."

And for sure, so will the Highlands East Plein Air Festival, with bells on, in 2010. ■

Top Left: Patricia Curry with figure model. Below Left: Gary Chapman with his award-winning painting. Top right: the relicts at Barnes Farm. Middle right: J. David Sharpe with his top-prize painting. Above: Curator Lee-Ann Martin.

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Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

Top Left: Robert McCary of Sandy Bay road thought it was more like a hurricane than a tornado.

Above: Howard Smith of Hunter Creek Estates thought his roof was coming off. "It was calm, and then all hell broke loose. We knew we were going to get it, but not that bad."

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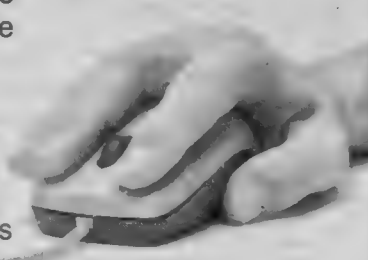
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Brass Shines at New Summer Course

Professionals Collaborate With "Semi-Pros" at The Highlands Brass Academy

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Over the course of a five-day period, a group of experienced brass musicians spent time polishing up their skills with a new summer program known as The Highlands Brass Academy. The group of about 13 students had their final hurrah of the week last Friday night during a public concert at Head Lake Park.

Trumpets, horns, tubas and trombones were all used extensively by participants in the intense learning experience that was held at Archie Stouffer Elementary School from Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31.

"None of the students are professionals, but they are semi-pros," said Dan Manley, instructor and host of the inaugural initiative.

Manley, a local computer programmer by day and brass aficionado by night spearheaded the Academy because he felt as though it was something that the county really could use.

"I had some brass players show their interest and I realized that we could offer them something a little extra," he explained.

It was through his travels and encounters with others in recent years that he says he came up with the format for the week-long course.

"A year ago, a friend of mine who is a flight attendant attended a trumpet symposium in Japan ... after he told me about it I thought it would be great to having something similar here," he explained. Manley was also further motivated to get something going after spending an intense day of playing at the Summer Brass Institute in San Francisco.

During a practice last Friday afternoon, local MPP Rick Johnson stopped by the school to chat with Manley and see first-hand what was going on. For Johnson, a musician himself, it was great to see the collaborative efforts that were going between the participants and the instructors of the program.

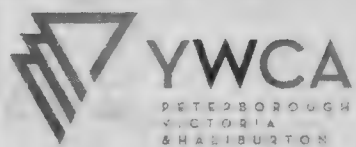
"This is a neat idea," said Johnson smiling. "This is a group that is fascinating to watch...and there are artists here from all over the province. Music and all other forms of art are such a great part of tourism in this area."

As part of the course, students worked with several established brass musicians with years of experience on their resumes. Daily activities that everyone took part in included warm-up and breathing exercises, large ensemble rehearsals, mini-masterclasses and sectional sessions. Each class consisted of a full day of training, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Those who applied to get in to the program were asked to have at least three years of playing experience on their instrument, but in the future, Manley hopes to offer a similar course that will cater to beginners.

"We want to have two versions – one for amateurs and another for professionals and university students" he said.

For more information about the Highlands Brass Academy and to stay on top of future courses go to www.highlandsbrass.org. ■



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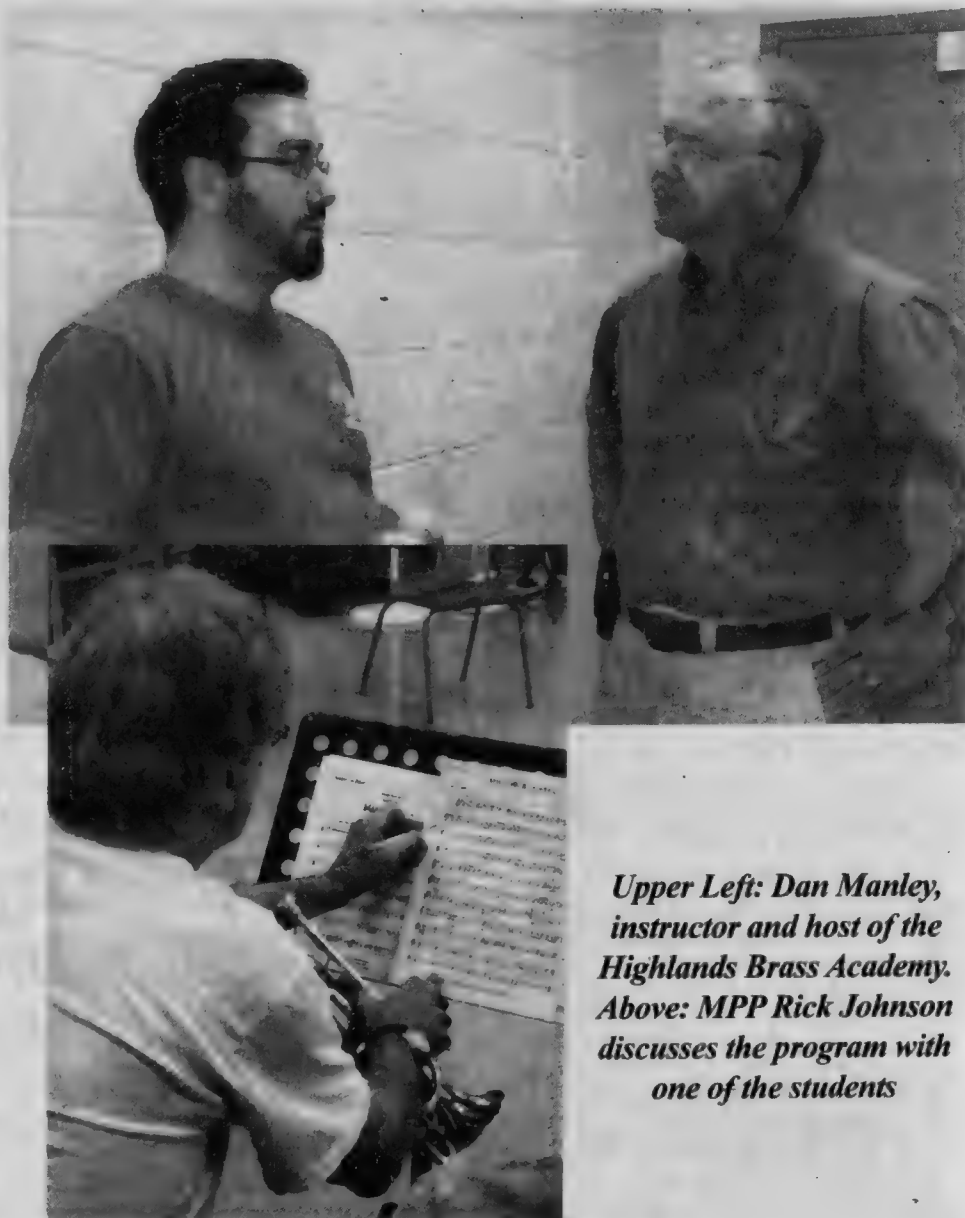
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Upper Left: Dan Manley, instructor and host of the Highlands Brass Academy. Above: MPP Rick Johnson discusses the program with one of the students



Kinmount Lions Raise \$1,000 for Jaws of Life

Left to right: Kinmount Lions Second Vice President Vince Leveck presents a cheque for \$1000 to Gooderham Station Captain Kevin Murphy Highlands East Fire Chief Bill Wingrove. The monies are to go to the Jaws of Life.

Dysart Fire Department Conducts Smoke Alarm Check

On Monday July 27, 2009 the 24 members of the Dysart Fire Department made house calls to some of the cottages in the area. In total they visited 114 residences in Kennisis Lake, Bitter Lake, Redstone Lake, Eagle Lake, Haliburton Lake, Drag Lake, Miskwabi Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake. While delivering fire prevention information they checked the smoke alarms and the results are not great.

On average a compliance rate of 81 percent was found. Some areas were a lot worse than other. The worst areas were Watts Trail 25 percent compliance: Boice Bradley area 58 percent compliance: Kennisis Lake area 62 percent compliance: and Haliburton Lake 69 percent compliance. The check was targeted on the older cottages as smoke alarms were not mandatory when they were built but under the new law, "every residence in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas."

The fire department found nine residences that had no smoke alarms. Some of the common problems found were: batteries disconnected, dead batteries, or missing batteries, alarms not mounted in proper location, The Fire Department only checked a small minority of the cottages and would like to remind everyone that it is their responsibility to install and maintain smoke alarms. As most of these places are at least 10-30 minutes from the fire department a smoke alarm gives them early warning and will save their lives if a fire occurs.

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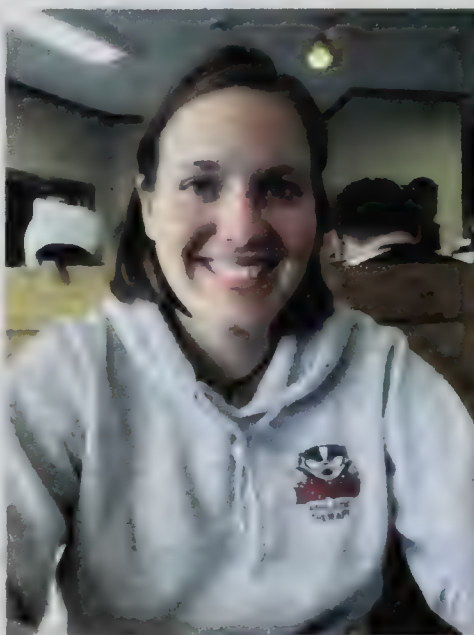


Watercolours

THE ART OF VIVID IMAGINATION

Katelyn Lockwood is 21 yrs old and going into her fourth year of Phys-ed and Kinesiology at Brock University. "Kinesiology is the study of human movement, or the science side of Phys-ed," Katelyn explains. She's looking for a future as a Chiropractor and she's aiming for the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. Ultimately she'd like to apply her knowledge in the area of sports medicine.

Katelyn was born and raised in Lindsay. Her mom is an optometrist there and her dad is a full time firefighter. Katelyn is the middle of three sisters. Her grandparents on her mom's side died when Katelyn was quite young, at which time her parents' good friends and next door neighbours, Chuck and Marilyn Golden became her 'adopted' grandparents. "When Chuck and Marilyn moved to the Highlands we always came up to visit," Katelyn says, and it was through those visits that she became familiar with the area. Although the Golden's have moved back to Lindsay after over 10 years in business in Minden Katelyn, who still keeps very much in touch with them, finds her-



athletic therapist for the Brock Varsity Wrestling Team.

Olympic style wrestling has had a big upsurge in popularity, due in part to wrestlers like Daniel Igali who won a gold medal at the Sydney Olympics, and Tonya Verbeek, from the Brock University Wrestling Club, who won a bronze in Beijing, and a silver medal in Athens.

"I'm working with the athletic therapist for the Brock team, and I help with everything from taping ankles, hands, wrists and ears to dealing with bloody and broken noses, bones, dislocations, 'emergencies and major health issues,' Katelyn says. "I make lots of hospital trips with the wrestlers who need stitches. I help to take care of their overall well-being, including their emotional state. If they're hitting a 'brick wall' we're there for them to talk to. There are about 16 men and women on the varsity team, but a total of over 30 people in the program. I go to all the tournaments."

Marty Calder is the Varsity coach. He's a former Olympic wrestler who's also the coach of the Canadian Junior Women's World Wrestling team, and an Olympic coach. He asked Katelyn to "ac-



company the Junior Women's team to meets in Romania and Germany to help get them used to different styles of wrestling from other countries."

"All the wrestlers are hoping to compete at a higher level and move up to senior competition, with the ultimate goal being the Olympics," Katelyn continues. "Concordia, Simon Fraser, University of Calgary and Brock are the powerhouses in Canadian University wrestling, and are the places where a lot of the wrestlers train. I've gone with the Brock team to meets in Calgary, and to the Dominican Republic for a training camp over Christmas, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity Marty Calder has given me." Katelyn reflects for a moment on her future. "My aim as a chiropractor is to work in the area of athletic rehabilitation-it's a really important area of athletic wellness."

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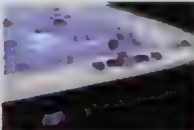
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Top: Katelyn Lockwood
Middle: Coach Calder (left) as a wrestler
Above: Katelyn Lockwood tapes up a wrestlers leg

Gooderham Horseshoe Days

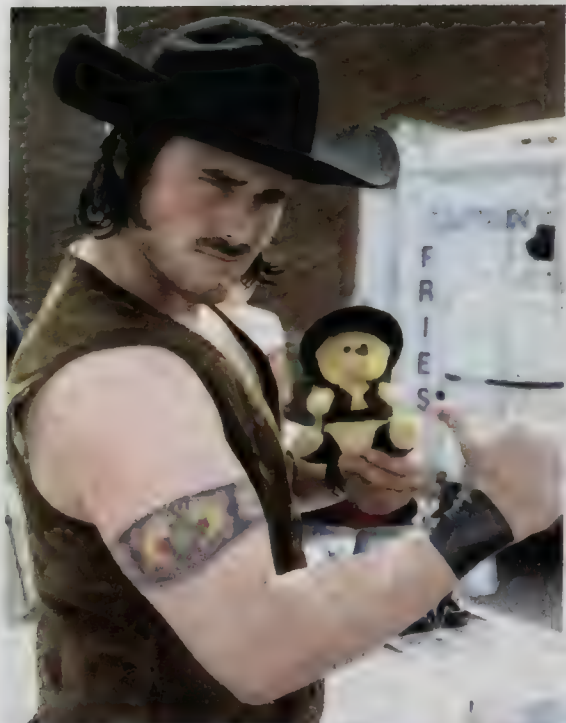
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By late morning, 23 horseshoe teams were doing battle hoping to pocket some of the \$450.00 prize money, while Kyle Knapp was wowing the crowd with his reptiles.

The increased anticipation was evident as the Canadian Wrestling Entertainment team assembled the ring for what would be the main event at noon, the "Horseshoe Havoc Spectacular". It is fitting that it is called wrestling entertainment, as the show has more to do with acting, choreography and gymnastics than with wrestling ability.

Prior to each bout, the good-guy, bad-guy scenario was established, one combatant worked the fans with high-fives and handshakes, while the other spouted demeaning statements about Gooderham and its inhabitants from the height of the ring. The fans loved it, accepted their role, and went about cheering the hero and booing the lout. ■



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Books: The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Shoppers Swipe up a Variety of Titles in Annual Book Sale Fundraiser

When the Haliburton Highlands Museum needed used books, the community answered the call – without hesitation.

Approximately 1,500 book titles filled the upper level of the museum last Saturday for the annual book sale fundraiser. Everything from fact to fiction, magazines and children's books were up for grabs during the six-hour long event.

"Books were collected year-round and in the days leading up to the event we had about 8-10 people per day bringing them in," explained Museum Assistant Emily Stonehouse, who said that nearly 200 people had come to the sale by 2 p.m. "The locals and visitors have been very supportive," she added.

Each year, the sale is held to raise funds for the operating costs associated with running the museum.

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Tour de Forest Attracts Hundreds of Visitors

An Abundance of Art Under the Spotlight During Scenic Weekend Tour

Despite the fact that several arts-related events took place last weekend, the third annual Tour de Forest artisans and artists' tour was considered a success by its organizers.

A total of 22 artists were featured at nine studios in the county in various locations between Minden and Haliburton. Glass art, jewellery, fabric art, paint and pottery were some of the many mediums that were on display and up for sale.

"We (artists) got together at the end of the weekend to talk about how it went...most studios reported an increase in attendance," said Tom Green, owner of Glass Eagle Studios and one of the founding members of the tour. Green said that at his studio, which is located on Blairhampton Rd. right near Cty Rd. 21, about 200-350 came by over the course of the weekend. He said he knew that fabric artist Jane Selbie and jewellery and pottery artist Barbara Joy Peel also saw a similar number of visitors come through their studios.

Part of the reason why the tour is doing well, says Green, is that visitors are able to stop off at one studio and see more than one artist.



"I had artists at my place from Kinmount and Halls Lake," he explained. "That would be a lot of driving in one day if you were to go to each individual studio."

On average, two to three artists (including the host) were featured at each studio.

Green pointed out that each year the Tour de Forest is looking for new artists.

"There are very few rules to enter our tour. You don't have to cottage or live here," he said.

A call for submissions in the juried show will be announced sometime next spring.

For more information call Tom at 705 286-3628 or email info@orangecatstudio.com. ■

Minden Lions Club Requests Relief from Council

"There may be more than one way to skin this cat."
(Peter Oyler)

Last week the Minden Hills Council reviewed a request from the Lions Club of Minden and District for relief from flat rate water and sewer costs. The request came as a result of the club suddenly being presented with invoices for a substantial amount covering the period from October, 2006 to March, 2009 after it was determined that their meter was not functioning properly.

On receipt of invoices totalling \$1930.00, the club made a written request for relief, suggesting that they be billed for actual use, rather than for the flat rate assessment which is much higher. The request met with a negative response from the municipality's Environmental and Property Operations Manager, Bob Romberg, who said that such a request would certainly bring on an onslaught of other organizations making similar requests for consideration and for that reason could not be approved.

Club Treasurer Al Eskelin appeared before Council as a delegation at their meeting last week, to try to resolve the matter. According to Eskelin, although the hall was built in 2006 there was no billing received until this year. He said that a review of the club's records determined that the hall had been used for a total of 150 occasions, meaning that during the period of billing, it had been vacant 84 percent of the time, indicating that water usage was minimal.

"Unfortunately," said Eskelin, "we can't substantiate this, because the water meter that was installed only worked at the time of hook up and for some reason didn't continue to function properly." The malfunction wasn't discovered until July when a municipal employee went to hook up an outside meter reading apparatus and discovered a problem.

Eskelin said, "We're a service club and all of the money raised goes back into the community. It would be reasonable if the water bills were based on actual usage." Eskelin argued that there are no other service clubs that have a hall and other groups in the municipality have higher usage. He suggested that the churches also be given similar consideration for billing based on usage.

In his letter to Romberg, Eskelin wrote, "It is difficult to fund raise at the best of times and even more difficult in the current financial situation. We Lions pride ourselves on being able to put something back into the community, either by volunteerism or actual dollars to support various endeavours that otherwise might fall short of their goals."

In response to a question from Councillor Barbara Reid about possible rentals, Eskelin confirmed that the quilters had to move due to dampness in the hall and that while the problem had been resolved the hall was considered too small for their summer meetings. He added that the club would love to have the quilters back.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff recommended moving the discussion into closed session.

Councillor Oyler alluded to the suggestion that there may be other buildings in similar situations, other than the churches that aren't required to pay taxes. He said, "This is the only building of its kind. Even the legion gets a tax break." Oyler suggested that the matter be deferred to staff and that they report back on the ramifications of reducing the existing outstanding amount, establishing a new rate for the hall, or providing partial relief from property taxes.

Oyler said, "There may be more than one way to skin this cat," and asked for a report in August. Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch concurred with this suggestion and Reid agreed that any resolution should be based on a staff report.

Ratcliff also supported the suggestion, but repeated his wish to discuss the matter in closed session as it related to personnel matters.

Stay tuned for a report after the August meeting on Council's resolution to this issue. ■

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Highland Yard

The annual Highland Yard was held in Minden on July 31st. Runners of every age and ability were out to challenge themselves, have fun and support the cause. It appeared that the event wasn't limited to only two legged runners either.

Although many competitive athletes are welcomed at the Highland Yard race, the run was originally devised as a fun event to involve people of every fitness level, and to raise money to send underprivileged kids to summer camp. AMICI charity was created by local camp alumni who believed that summer camp is special, and that the camping experience enriches life through the shared values of tradition, community, friendship, leadership and fun. AMICI, along with its sponsors, sent 125 kids to camp this year.

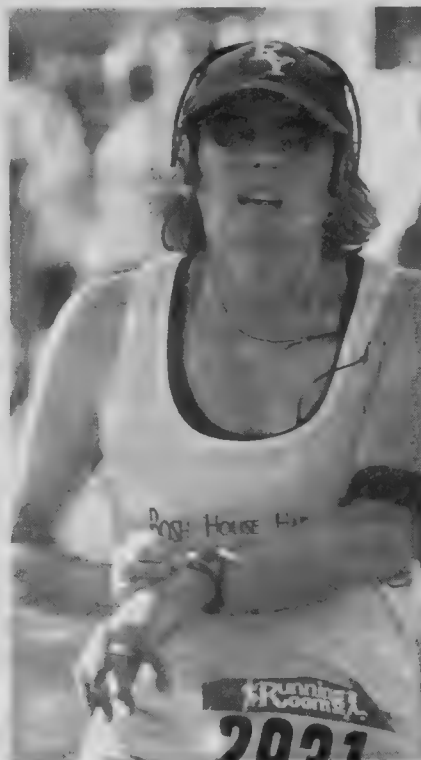
5K winners - Dan Tripp (16:51) Nancy Tinari (20:27)
10K winners - Nick Best (35:09) Elizabeth Primrose (39:06)

A complete list of results can be located at: <http://www.chiptimeresults.com/>. ■

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Team Boshkung (L-R) Brigitta Hicks, Gord Voit, Adele Boisvert, Larry Lythgoe, Basil McRae, Frank Jones



A Blending of Mediums

Acrylic Paintings and Woven Works

Harmoniously Unite at Art Hive Exhibit

Local artist Wendy Wood is one who is quite well-versed in two very different mediums. For 25 years she has applied brush to canvas as an acrylic painter and for six years she has been weaving away on her looms to create intricate, one-of-a-kind pieces.

Last Friday, a healthy mix of Wendy's work went up on display at The Art Hive in Carnarvon as part of the 'Hand of the Maker' solo exhibit series.

For this specific exhibit, Wood made pieces using techniques that are familiar to her, as well as those that required a bit of experimentation work. In some of her woven pieces, Wood went out on a limb with a method of fabric dying that is known by the Japanese term Shibori.

"It's a type of dying that is loom manipulated," she explained. "It's like a take-off of tie-dieing. I do the knotting and tying-on on the loom and once it comes off I dye it."

Wendy also has more practical woven works on the wall such as a couple of hand-spun shawls.

Since Wendy was first introduced to the wonderful world of art through the painting medium, it would only seem to make sense to have some of her finest brushstrokes included in the show. Rugged Hills, calm lakes and dead trees are some of the subjects that this Carnarvon area resident prefers to focus her acrylic energies on.

"I mainly do landscapes that are based on the different places that I've been," she said.

Between her permanent residence in the county and her cottage in Moonbeam, Ontario, there's no shortage of picturesque landscapes to choose from.

"Between the two places I do sketching and painting from photos I take at different sites," said Wendy, pointing to an almost photographic-like painting of the Newpost Falls, a place located approximately two hours northwest of the Abitibi Canyon.

Paintings of Wendy's that are inspired by locations a little closer to home include depictions of Buttermilk Falls, a rock face by Boshkung Lake, a site near the Frost Centre Institute, and Scott's Dam.

As an artist, Wendy is constantly evolving. Just a couple of weeks ago she took a screen-printing course at the School of the Arts in Haliburton. It's obvious that Wendy is a quick learner; she included works in her exhibit that she learned to create while at the recent week-long summer course.

"These (pieces) were fun to make," Wendy explained. "They are screen prints made with regular fabric dyes. It's what is known as a silk screen monoprint."

To make the innovative and funky prints, one must first paint the silkscreen with fabric dyes. Then a squeegee and wallpaper paste are introduced for the purpose of transferring the painting onto paper.

"It's a technique that I definitely think I'm going to explore," said Wendy.

Originally from the Brantford area, Wendy moved up to the county five years ago. She became a fan of the rich artistic area after making several trips to visit her aunt and uncle, the former owners of Buttermilk Falls Resort. This October, Wendy will be entering her fourth year as a participating artist on the popular Haliburton County Studio Tour. She has been a member of The Art Hive for more than a year.

Wendy's exhibit at The Art Hive will be on display until Thursday, Aug. 13. ■



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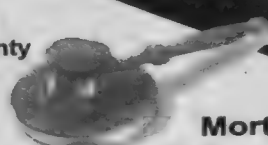
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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old student who has lived in an apartment with my current roommate, "Karen," for 18 months. We get along well. For the past nine months, Karen has been dating a man who has begun spending almost every night in our apartment. So far, I have tolerated the situation because they're not disruptive. I recently visited Karen's boyfriend's apartment for the first time. Abby, no wonder he's here every night. I thought I was touring a vacant apartment. His kitchen has absolutely nothing in it, and the living room is mostly unfurnished and totally unlit. In addition, he has no phone or Internet service. Since then, I haven't been able to get it off my mind. I don't want to ruin what is otherwise a good situation, but how do I put my mind at ease? I can't put my finger on what's bothering me, but it doesn't "feel" right. — STEAMED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR STEAMED: You have described a young bachelor who doesn't cook, who probably has eaten most of his meals "out," and who has not developed a strong nesting instinct, either. (He could also not have much money.) But keep your eyes and ears open, and if anything else about your roommate's boyfriend bothers you, mention it to her.

DEAR ABBY: In the past you have printed letters from readers describing acts of kindness for others. Not long ago, my husband (who is in the military) and I went out to dinner after our first obstetric appointment. We had a lovely time; our server was also a pregnant Army wife and we chatted about due dates, deployments, our husbands' jobs, etc. the end of the meal no check was delivered to our table. Our server explained that the couple behind us had paid for it as a way to say thank you for my husband's service and congratulations on the baby. We were very touched. I wish they hadn't left before we did so we could have thanked them. My husband and I stopped at the market before going home. A man approached us and asked if we had any spare change because his kids were hungry and payday was a few days off. Because someone had done something nice for us that night, I decided to pay it forward and help him out — so I gave him all the money I had in my purse. Someone touched our lives in a positive way, and I'm so glad we could help someone in return. I hope this letter inspires someone else to do the same. — ARMY WIFE AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS

DEAR ARMY WIFE: So do I. And to that I'd like to add that helping others does not necessarily have to involve giving money. It can be as simple as approaching members of the military and thanking them for their service or volunteering time to work in a shelter or a food program to help the destitute.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a major department store, carrying a designer handbag, when a woman I didn't know approached me and asked if my bag was real or a knockoff. I was at a loss for words. The rudeness of that woman floored me.

I was always taught to be polite and not ask nosy questions. How would you have handled it? — OFFENDED IN ARKANSAS

DEAR OFFENDED: If the handbag was genuine, I would have told the woman it was. And if it wasn't, I would have told her where to find one like it.

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Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You're able to communicate feelings better than most people. Have you considered a career in the pulpit or in politics?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A chaotic atmosphere taxes the patience of the Aries Lamb, who prefers to deal with a more orderly environment. Best advice: Stay out of the situation until things settle.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Tension runs high in both personal and workplace relationships. This can make it difficult to get your message across. Best to wait until you have a more receptive audience.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to take a break from your busy schedule to plan for some well-deserved socializing. You could get news about an important personal matter by the week's end.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An offer of help could come just when you seem to need it. But be careful about saying yes to anything that might have conditions attached that could cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sometimes a workplace colleague can't be charmed into supporting the Lion's position. That's when it's time to shift tactics and overwhelm the doubter with the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You continue to earn respect for your efforts to help someone close to you stand up to a bully. But be careful that in pushing this matter you don't start to do some bullying yourself.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ask others if they think you're up to a new responsibility. Having faith in your own abilities is the key to dealing with a challenge. P.S.: That "private" matter needs your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to use that Scorpion creativity to come up with something special that will help get your derailed career plans back on track and headed in the right direction.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While change is favored, it could be a good idea to carefully weigh the possible fallout as well as the benefits of any moves before you make them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Goat continues to create a stir by following his or her own path. Just be sure you keep your focus straight and avoid any distractions that could cause you to make a misstep.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's demands seem out of line. But before reacting one way or another, talk things out and see how you might resolve the problem and avoid future misunderstandings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter appears to be making more demands on your time than you feel you're ready to give. See if some compromise can be reached before things get too dicey.

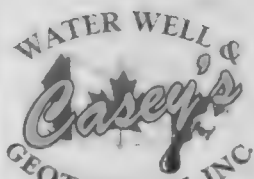
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- 19 Land mass
- 21 Epoch
- 22 Field of study
- 23 Prime-time cartoon character
- 25 Speed
- 27 Discern
- 28 Fill to the gills
- 29 Rug material
- 30 W. Hemisphere grp.
- 31 Lend an — (listen)
- 33 "Cheers" actress
- 37 Marvels
- 41 "Star Trek" navigator
- 42 Novelist Ayn
- 43 — Magnon
- 44 Late-night name
- 46 Limber with language
- 48 Proclamation
- 52 "In the Heat of the Night" role
- 56 Grant and Elwes

- 59 Muckraker Nellie
- 60 Actress Braga
- 61 Schoolboy's shot
- 62 "Friends," e.g.
- 63 NASA affirmative
- 64 Marley's music
- 67 Blind part
- 69 Common street name
- 70 Egg on
- 71 Gary
- 75 Pacific archipelago
- 78 Stain
- 79 To be, to Baudelaire
- 80 Muzzles
- 83 Hosp. area
- 84 Snow White's dwarfs, e.g.
- 86 Bach's "Bist du bei —"
- 88 Civil Rights org.
- 90 "I kid you —"
- 91 John of "The Addams Family"
- 92 '37 Masters Tournament winner
- 95 Mournful sound
- 97 Granola fruit
- 99 Challenge

- 100 RN's specialty
- 101 Spanish American coin
- 104 Shape
- 106 Hung loosely
- 109 TV pioneer
- 112 Mintz or Whitney
- 113 Offense
- 114 A Ford
- 115 Cinderella's soiree
- 119 Gymnast
- 122 Charm
- 124 "The Pink Panther" director
- 128 Prayer finale
- 129 Pub potable
- 130 — cuff
- 131 James of "Rollerball"
- 132 Moreno or Hayworth
- 133 Take-home
- 134 What a feller needs
- 135 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
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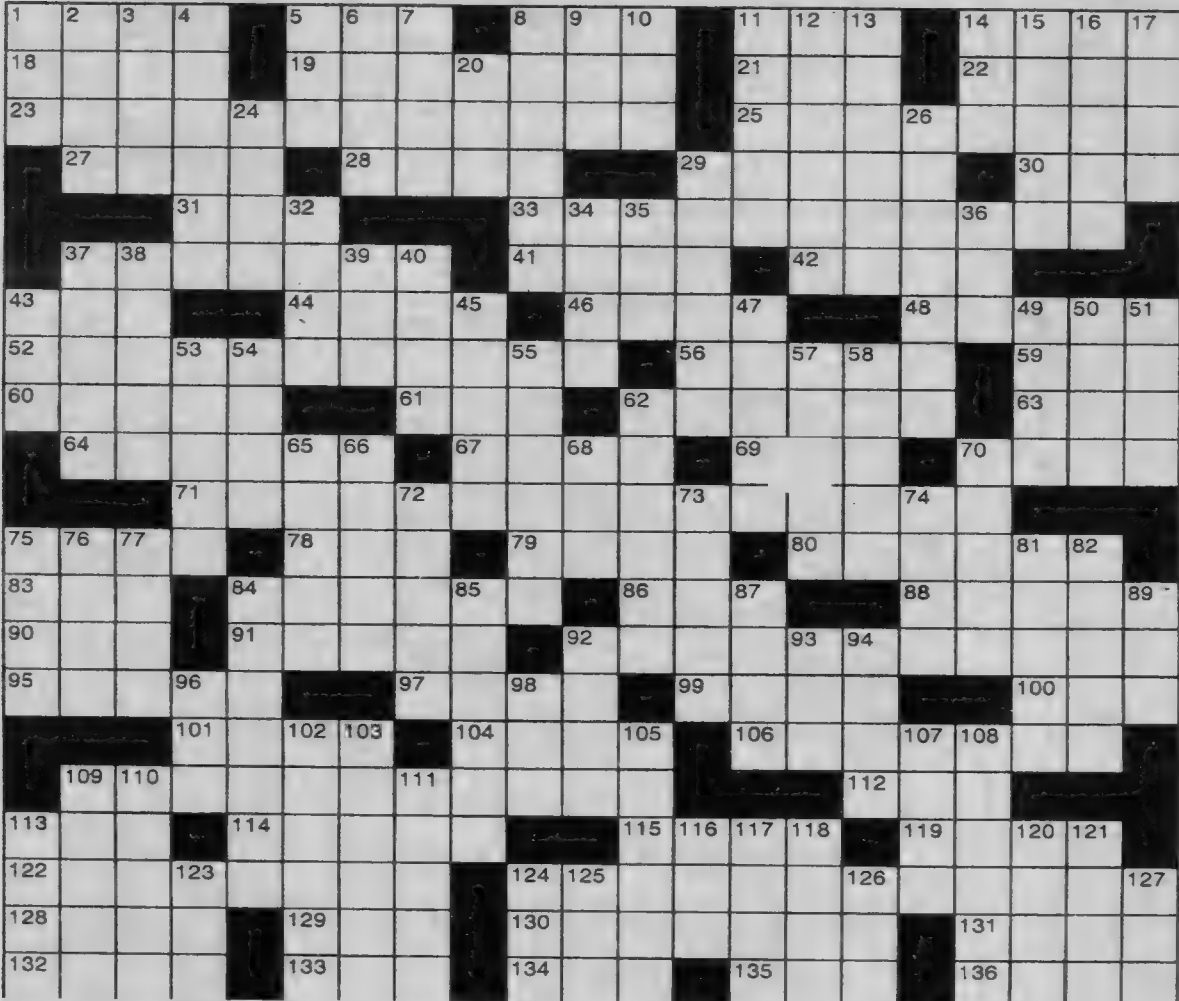
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- 3 Charity

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- 5 Loser to DDE
- 6 San — Obispo, CA
- 7 Cookbook author
- 8 Evaluate
- 9 "Blame It on —" ('84 film)
- 10 Catch some rays
- 11 Problem for Pauline
- 12 Pencil end
- 13 Tropical treat
- 14 Gum gob
- 15 Sky stalker
- 16 Price twice
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- 49 Bridge support
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- 54 Beniamino
- 55 "Petrouchka," for one
- 57 Annoys
- 58 Neighbor of Oman
- 62 Tempestuous
- 65 Llama turf
- 66 "Aida" setting
- 68 Cover girl Carol
- 70 Ordinary
- 72 Foul-smelling
- 73 Yankovic descriptive
- 74 Completed
- 75 Informer
- 76 Computer image
- 77 Burlap fiber
- 81 Sample the souffle
- 82 Negative one?
- 84 Honors
- 85 Kind of paint
- 87 Highway

- 89 MBNA competitor
- 92 Class ring?
- 93 New Deal agcy.
- 94 Hawaii's state bird
- 96 Cholesterol letters
- 98 Rocky hill
- 102 Basketball's Dennis
- 103 Store sign
- 105 Cross words?
- 107 Be happy
- 108 Fragrant flowers
- 109 TV's "— Vice"
- 110 Small bay
- 111 Stephen Vincent —
- 113 Night light?
- 116 Alias initials
- 117 "— smile be your —"
- 118 Spinks or Trotsky
- 120 Writer Shirley Ann
- 121 Leading man?
- 123 — nutshell
- 124 Bikini part
- 125 Deli delicacy
- 126 Word with cell or spell
- 127 — Cat (winter vehicle)



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Subject: THE MOON
(e.g., What is the Latin for "moon"? Answer: Luna.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Who were the first two men to walk on the moon's surface?
Answer _____
2. Which country's spacecraft performed the first successful soft landing?
Answer _____
3. What was the name of the U.S. human spaceflight program?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Name the agency responsible for the U.S. space program.
Answer _____
5. What caused the craters of the moon?
Answer _____
6. When did man last walk on the moon? (a) 1972 (b) 1976 (c) 1980
Answer _____

7. The surface gravity compared with Earth's is about (a) 37 percent (b) 17 percent (c) 7 percent.
Answer _____
8. What is a mare?
Answer _____
9. How much of the surface can be seen from Earth? (a) 99 percent (b) 79 percent (c) 59 percent
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Neil Armstrong and "Buzz" Aldrin. 2. The Soviet Union. 3. Apollo. 4. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). 5. Impact of meteors and comets. 6. (a) 1972. 7. (b) 17 percent. 8. Plain (dark area). 9. (c) 59 percent.

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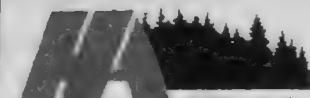
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Carl Thomas Miscio 1939-2009

Passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 30, 2009, after a brief illness. In his 71st year.

Dearly beloved husband of Iris (nee Morrison). Beloved father of Evan and his wife Michelle. Predeceased by his parents Michael and Annie Miscio. Loving brother to Nellie, Ruby, Ruth, Gladys and sister-in-law Clara and predeceased by Alfred, Eva, Petrol, Vera, and Alvin. Son-in-law of Colleen and the late Orval Morrison. Carl will be missed by his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception in the family centre. Interment to follow at the 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Cremation has taken place.

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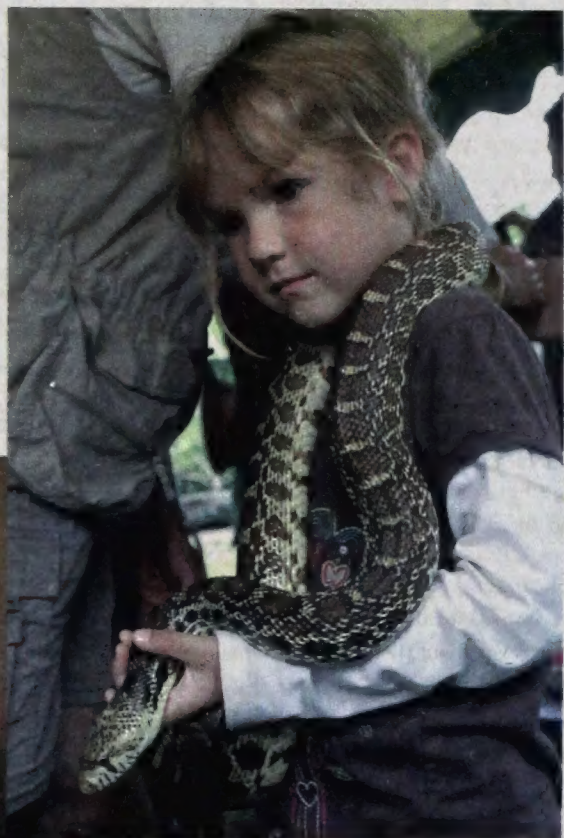
The 4th session of the Discovery Days series, Sssstupendous Snakes, was held at the RD Lawrence Place in Minden on July 29th. These informative sessions sponsored by The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with Out to Learn explore ecosystems and the natural environment of Haliburton County.

Presenter Jenny Pearce brought an assortment of reptiles including a young "at risk" Eastern Hog-Nosed snake dubbed Templeton. Hog-Nosed Snakes are non-venomous, harmless to humans and rarely bite. They are protected under provincial and federal laws. Vehicular slaughter, habitat loss and human persecution are putting this species at risk. Anyone who sees a Hog-Nosed snake should leave the snake and its habitat alone and report the sighting to the MNR. The most distinguishable features of the Hog-Nose are their upturned snouts used for digging in sandy soils, and dark patches located behind the head. Colours and patterns vary, with some snakes being solid variations of greens, browns or gray-black. Adults average 71 cm in length, with females being larger than males. If feeling threatened, this snake's initial reaction may be to flare its neck and make mock strikes while hissing. It will likely roll over on its back and play dead if it senses a continued threat. It's imperative to remember that the Hog-Nose is harmless and should not be molested in any way. Also "at risk" in Haliburton County are the Blanding's Turtle, Five-lined Skink, Wood Turtle, Eastern Milk Snake and Spotted Turtle. Information about, and descriptions of, these vulnerable species can be attained through the MNR or at the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council web site -- <http://www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/haliburton>.

After the formal presentation and an overview of the various animals, the highlight of the program finally arrived. Participants got to handle the snakes. It was surprising how little trepidation there was among the kids, leading one to believe that the fallacy of snakes as slimy and sinister had been overcome. Adult participant Ginny Hemming stated that she had never touched a snake in her life, this said while she stood with Brenda, a good sized Bull Snake draped around her neck. Concern for these reptiles was obvious during the introduction, but during the hands-on segment, one could sense Pearce's affection for these reptiles, one that might parallel that expressed toward the family pet. The sentiment seemed to rub off on the participants.

Those who attended Sssstupendous Snakes certainly left the session more enlightened, but the biggest winner of the day may be the snakes themselves. Hopefully, they will be allowed to go about their business unharmed because programs like Discovery Days have shared an understanding and helped dispel long held, but false myths, about these interesting and harmless creatures. ■

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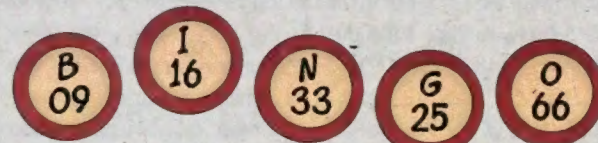
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Request to Tender New Pumper Truck for Minden Denied

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Once again, concerns over finances have come to the forefront of the Minden Hills Council discussions. A formal request made to Council by Fire Chief Doug Schell for permission to tender a new pumper truck was considered at last week's meeting, but was denied given the financial implications.

Schell reported that his vehicle replacement chart called for the replacement of Pumper #8 next year. Schell said he wanted to proceed with the tender no later than the beginning of October, in order to provide sufficient time for the vehicle to be delivered in the spring. According to Schell, tendering in October would also provide him with accurate numbers to include in the 2010 budget.

Councillor Peter Oyler, responsible for the Finance Committee, said that tendering for capital expenditures should be deferred until 2010 budget deliberations take place starting in November. He said, "This is a great deal of money and it would only be right to defer the matter until then."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff questioned this recommendation, saying that there were already reserves set aside and the decision to proceed with the purchase next year had already been made. Ratcliffe argued that there was a time element involved, something that was acknowledged by Oyler, and suggested that the matter be discussed at the finance meeting in August.

Reeve Jim McMahon also voiced concerns about the timing of the tendering process and how it would affect delivery of the pumper. He said, "I see no problem going to tender now. We don't have to accept the tenders, but accurate numbers would lend themselves to our budget deliberations." McMahon also commented that the truck had to be replaced in 2010.

Oyler said, "Perhaps the CAO would like to comment. I have had discussions with both the CAO and Treasurer and they are not excited about (tendering for a major capital expenditure) at this particular time."

CAO Gerry Morrison said it had been the staff's recommendation that Council should be very careful not to bind themselves to any capital items or expenditures of this nature at this time. He said, "Council has not determined what their intent is for the

tax rate in 2010."

Morrison advised Council that there was only \$150,000 in reserves for an expenditure that would exceed \$360,000. He said, "I'm concerned about making a huge commitment that is not budgeted when there is no money in reserves to make the purchase. I must caution the Finance Chair about making any resolution binding the corporation until there has been a long hard look at what we're facing." Morrison strongly suggested deferring until at least the first round of budget discussions.

Morrison reminded Council that quotations were only good for a limited time and the purchase would have to be tendered again if the municipality was not in a position to accept any of the tenders. He reiterated that both he and the treasurer had concerns about

proceeding with this process.

Ratcliff said, "I'm willing to have this deferred, but I would like to remind the CAO that this option was presented during the last (budget) process."

Councillor Barbara Reid asked if putting out a tender would bind the municipality in any way and the CAO responded that there would be nothing binding until a tender was accepted, but again said that the tenders would only be good for a set period of time.

Reid suggested that Council needed hard numbers for budgeting purposes. She said, "I see no problem going forward," adding that Council should take a look at the business plan for replacement of equipment.

Councillor Bill Obee agreed with Reid, but voiced concern that putting bidders through the tendering process when no purchase would be made was not fair. He said, "There are costs associated with tendering. We could get a budget figure from the manufacturer."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "We have to take a good hard look at the age of the equipment and the necessity for replacement."

It was finally agreed that the tendering process would be deferred for now. ■

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Male Charged With Over 80 At Ride Check

(Bancroft, ON.) On the evening of Friday the 31st of July 2009 Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police Highway Safety Division were conducting RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) checks on South Baptiste Lake Road in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. A Dodge pickup truck travelling eastbound on South Baptiste Lake Road approached the RIDE and when an Officer spoke to the male driver, the odour of an alcoholic beverage was detected. The male failed a roadside screening test, was arrested and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment for an intoxilyzer test. 32 year old Ray Johnson of Bancroft, Ontario has been charged with operate a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Johnson was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 15th of September 2009. □

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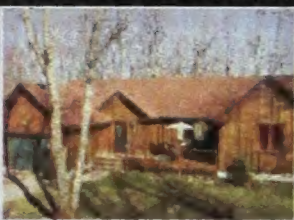
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